

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



July 25, 2021
9th 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.

Cassie Nault, Pastor
Marty Wyatt, Intern Pastor
Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music
Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist
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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. As you enter and leave the sanctuary, make sure to give others enough space to safely pass at a distance. Let us extend welcome to one another by maintaining some social distance for those who require it.
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.

Gathering Song

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age", 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

L: Let us pray,

All: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-18 (Read responsively)

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became

rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Intern Pastor Marty Wyatt

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult", vs. 1-3

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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

Prelude – J.S. Bach

Gretchen Davis

Offering Prayer

As individuals what we have to give doesn't feel like it amounts to much. Put together as a congregation, what we offer You here in love, becomes more, not simply added together but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask You to bless our gifts, God, and remind us that there is enough for all.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

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Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“God’s work. Our hands.”

Thank you to Gretchen Davis for filling in for Ivan today while he is on vacation!

Community Support Center - Walk 1,000 Miles for Our Neighbors – Today! Silver View Park in Mounds View from 10am – 2pm. The goal is 1,000 miles. For every mile walked, \$10 moves from a pool of donated funds to be listed as a contribution from our church. Come walk a mile or two around beautiful Silver View Park. Other ways to contribute: 1. Donate to the Community Support Center. Every donor will receive one chance to win a door prize; some are valued at over \$100. 2. **Visit** Dairy Queen (Hwy 8) on July 25 (10% of total receipts for the day go to the Walk!) 3. You can now donate by credit card <http://www.communitysupportcenter.org/>.

Parish Board Meeting – The Parish Board is meeting Tuesday, July 27 at 7pm, in-person at Atonement. Justin Grimm from the St. Paul Area Synod will be joining the meeting to discuss Visioning and Strategic Planning.

What is “Fair Trade” and Why Do We Care? Fair trade certified products include requirements around worker’s rights, fair labor practices, and responsible land management. These standards ensure that goods are made with care to people and the planet. It’s a conscious choice for a better planet! Jesus taught us to love our neighbors. We are also called to be good stewards of creation, which means caring for creation. Changing the coffee we brew is a good and important way to care for our neighbor – both people and God’s creation – by doing our part to ensure fair and healthy practices.

Coffee Tasting Results! Thanks to everyone who helped with setting up the coffee tasting and for participating and voting! The winner was Bonhoeffer Blend and coming in at a close second was the Luther Light Roast.

Pastor Cassie will be on vacation July 26 – August 1. For assistance, please contact Intern Pastor Marty or Dawn in either church office.