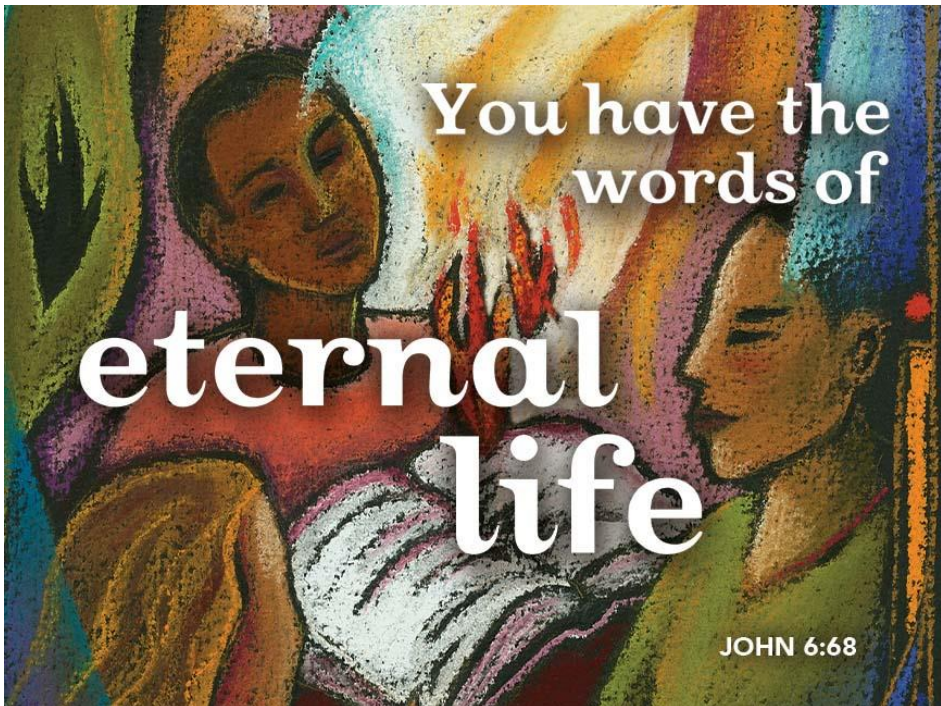


Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



August 22, 2021
13th 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.

Pastor Cassie Nault
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 our 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. Please wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status.
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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised", vs. 1 & 4

ELW #810

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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22 (Read responsively)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

**¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

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 “The Lord's Prayer” arranged by Albert Hay Malotte

Diane Lightbody

10:30 “You Are the Way”

ELW #758

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

"Bread of Life from Heaven", vs. 1 & 2

ELW #474

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

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You", vs. 1-3

ELW #312

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 Diane Lightbody for filling in for Ivan at Cross of Glory as he completes his vacation.

Thank you to everyone who brought food to share for the potluck and to Cheryl & Ryan Lunde for providing the cupcakes. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor service!

Atonement Offering Envelopes – Offering envelopes beginning September 2021 are available to pick up in the narthex at Atonement. If you give electronically, you won’t have envelopes. However, anyone that didn’t receive a box and would like one, please let Dawn in the office know. Also, if you received a box and don’t need them, please let Dawn know.

Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group - We are looking for helpers from Atonement or Cross of Glory to teach, assist in the classroom or to be added to the substitute list.

Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group are at Cross of Glory Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 so that parents, grandparents or guardians can attend either our 8:30 service at Cross of Glory or 10:30 service at Atonement.

Friends are welcome to attend Sunday School & Youth Group. You don’t have to be a member to join us.

Please let Dawn in either church office know if you can help.

Cross of Glory needs a volunteer(s) to help the Atonement volunteers coordinate the “God’s Work. Our Hands” service project for the Cross of Glory side on September 12. Please let Dawn in the church office know if you can help.

Outdoor Worship – The last outdoor worship for the *summer* season will be at Cross of Glory on Sunday, September 5 at 9:30am. We hope you can join us!

Atonement Members – *Mark your calendars.* The semi-annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th after worship. More details to come.