

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



August 29, 2021
14th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME!

*Thank you for joining us.
We hope you find inspiration in your time spent with us.*

Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

Pastor Cassie Nault
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Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist
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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

"Gather Us In", vs. 1 & 3

ELW #532

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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (Read responsively)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from

the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“This Is My Father’s World”

ELW #824

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

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” – Tomlin/Newton/Giglio

8:30 – Jaime Verkuilen & Ivan Konev

10:30 – Shannon Rosas & 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

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (sung 2 times)

ELW #512

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”, vs. 1-3

ELW #879

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"God's work. Our hands."



Outdoor Worship – Next Sunday, September 5, join us for one outdoor service at Cross of Glory at 9:30am. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on. (There will be chairs available if needed.)

Fellowship Treats – Since we are wearing masks inside the building, the COVID Task Force has recommended we “pause” on food and drinks during fellowship after worship and circles that meet. You can continue to meet and socialize. Please remember to wear your masks over your nose and mouth. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

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 assist Marilyn with Sunday School and Dani Gow who will be leading the youth this year. (Thank you for volunteering Dani!) We can always use substitutes too.



Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group are at Cross of Glory Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 so that families 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 contact Marilyn Goldsworthy at 651-247-3139, maylon1@juno.com or let Dawn in either church office know if you can help.

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

Atonement Prayer Ministers will again be available following 10:30 worship the second Sunday of each month (beginning September 12) for those requesting intercessory prayers for themselves or others.

Prayer Shawls Plus will resume meeting at Cross of Glory on Thursday, September 2 at 10:00am. We are now donating “Twiddle Cuffs” & prayer shawls to Unity Hospital, so we could use more help. *Atonement members are welcome too!* If you are interested, contact Jeanette Lundgren at 763-786-4839 or jeanettelundgren@msn.com.

Atonement Choir will start again on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm. Rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary to allow for some distancing. Please join us! We will wait to start Worship Team until further notice.

Naomi Circle Women’s Bible Study, will meet again September 9 at 10:00am at Cross of Glory. We will use the lesson from the September issue of Gather magazine.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

**“God’s Work. Our Hands” ELCA Day of Service
(Formerly known as Rally Sunday)
Sunday, September 12 - Please join us!**

On Sunday, September 12, congregations of the ELCA will join together for “God’s work. Our Hands.” Sunday. You are invited to join this annual day of service and celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

Crossroads will have several service projects to choose from:

PLANTING: You are invited to help plant pollinator-friendly and native grasses in the rain garden at Atonement after the 10:30 service on September 12. Plants will be purchased from a donation (thank you!) received.

SHARING: We are inviting anyone with extra harvest from your vegetable gardens to bring them to Atonement or Cross of Glory on September 12 and we will donate them to our local food shelves.

CARING: Join us to make greeting cards for healthcare/essential workers, homebound folks, etc. at Atonement after the 10:30 service. Card making supplies will be provided and volunteers will deliver the cards. Let us know if you would like to help deliver cards.

INSPIRING: Join us to paint inspiration rocks after the 8:30 service at Cross of Glory.