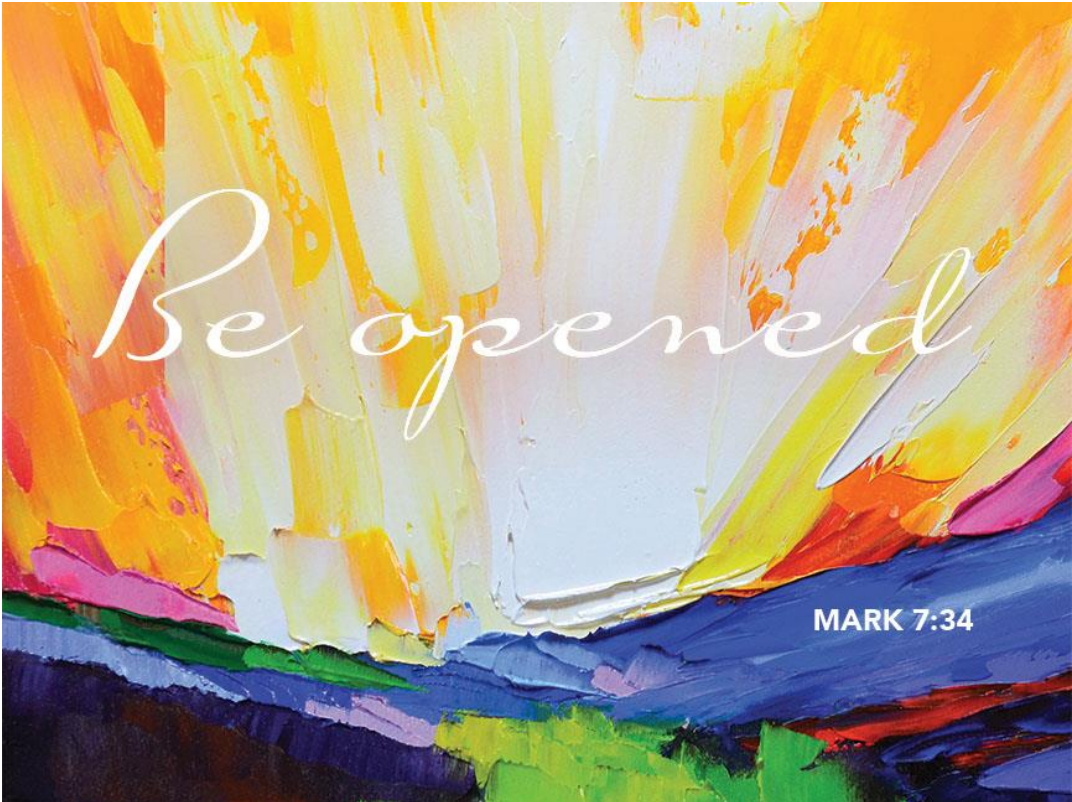


Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



September 5, 2021
15th 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

Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music

Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist

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Ivan Konev, Cross of Glory 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. While in the building, 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

All: Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

God our comforter:

All: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, vs. 1 & 2

ELW #858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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!

Hymn of Praise – “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord), vs. 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day – “Healer of Our Every Ill”, vs. 1, 3 & 4

ELW #612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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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: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Offering – “Good Good Father” – Barrett/Brown

Shannon Rosas & Ivan Konev

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn – “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”, vs. 1-3

ELW #617

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.
- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.
- 3 You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

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Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn - "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

ELW #726

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!**

Next 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.

Winter Coat Drive Update – The Social Concerns Network, the group that organizes the Winter Coat Drive at Christ the King, has decided to cancel this year’s coat drive for the second year due to the rising concern from the Delta variant and a property conflict at Christ the King.

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 will meet September 9 at 10:00am at Cross of Glory.

Mary Circle will meet at Atonement September 9 at 9:30am.

Blessing of the Backpacks – Bring your backpacks to either worship service on September 12 to have them blessed as the school year begins.

Fellowship Circle will meet at Cross of Glory on September 13 at 1:00pm.

Atonement Holidale Boutique – Join us at Atonement either Monday, September 13 at 10:00am or Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00pm for an important meeting about the Holidale Boutique. Discussion will center on whether to have the boutique and if so, what type of Boutique. Your ideas and thought are appreciated. If you can't attend either meeting, contact Virginia Cahow at teachdoug@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

ABCD Book Club - Our next book discussion will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, September 13th and we will discuss ***The House Keeper and the Professor*** by Yoko Ogawa. In October we will discuss ***Beneath the Scarlet Sky*** by Mark T Sullivan. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you.

Elizabeth Circle will begin meeting at Atonement the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm beginning September 14.

Confirmation begins September 15 at Abiding Savior from 6:30-8:00pm. Registration forms were recently mailed to families. **Please return your completed forms to Cross of Glory or Atonement.**

Blessing of the Bibles – Did you know our children all receive bibles as they enter the Sunday School program? They begin with an age appropriate Story Bible and then receive a Spark NSRV Bible to use as they grow in their faith. Bring your bibles to be blessed during both worship services as our youth activities begin on September 19. Everyone is invited to bring their own bibles to be blessed too!

Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group - Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group begins September 19 at Cross of Glory from 9:30-10:15, allowing families to attend either our 8:30 service at Cross of Glory or 10:30 service at Atonement. We can still use volunteers!

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