

**Crossroads**  
**Atonement Lutheran Church**  
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**



**September 12, 2021**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“God’s work. Our hands.”**  
**Blessing of the Back Packs**

## **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  
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.*

## **CROSSROADS**



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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 you are 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

### Call to Worship (based on Psalm 116)

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

**All: Lord, your word fills our hearts!**

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

**All: Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

**All: may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

## Gathering Song

“God’s work. Our hands.”

## 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!**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

**All: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing of the Back Packs

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”, vs. 1-3

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**Prayers of Intercession** (Repeated response)

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

“Before the Throne of God Above” – Cook/Bankroft

Ivan Konev

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”, vs. 1-3

ELW #808

**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**

“Eat This Bread”

ELW #472

**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**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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**Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

**Join us TODAY!**

**"God's Work. Our Hands" ELCA Day of Service**

**Join us today** as congregations of the ELCA will join together for "God's work. Our Hands." Sunday to 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.

**Thank you to Atonement** - The family of Helen Campeau would like to express our sincere thanks for your love and support at the death of our mother. Your presence, love, or gift of money meant the world to us. - Dan, Mary, Joe, Doug, and our families

**In Our Prayers** - Please keep Cross of Glory member Mary Loesch in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her husband, Mel. Also pray for comfort & peace for Jason, Deb & Analisa Loesch and their family.



**Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11.** It has been 20 years since the 9/11 attack on the United States. We commemorate this day with remembrance, lament and a renewed call to be peacemakers in our day.

**Many thanks!** Thank you to Lindsey Fabian & Bonnie Anderson for coordinating this year's "God's work. Our hands." service day for both Atonement & Cross of Glory and to Dani Gow for coordinating the project at Cross of Glory.

**Blessing of the Back Packs** – Please keep all the students, teachers, staff & bus drivers returning back to school in your prayers. Pray for a safe and successful school year.

**Atonement Prayer Ministers** are available after the 10:30 worship for anyone needing intercessory prayers for themselves or others.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm 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.

**Growing Through Loss** is a series of classes that provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Registration takes place each program night at the host church, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, and each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. See their website for more information GrowingThroughLoss.org or call 763-755-5335.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet at Atonement September 14 at 1pm.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> after worship. More details to come.