

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



September 19, 2021
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing of the Bibles

WELCOME!

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

Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

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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 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

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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”, vs. 1 & 4

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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 (10:30 service only)

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit

murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Marty Wyatt

Hymn of the Day

“All Are Welcome”, vs. 1, 2 & 4

ELW #641

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 "Adagio cantabile from Pathetique Sonata op. 13" - Beethoven

Ivan Konev

10:30 "All Praise to Thee" – Tallis, arr. Pooler

Atonement Choir

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.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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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.”

Pop Up Event! Join us this Thursday, September 23 at Cross of Glory for S’more Summer from 6 - 7:00pm. We will gather outside at the fire pit to make s’mores and customize them with toppings. Invite your friends and neighbors for this fun, community outreach event!

Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group - Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group begins today from 9:30 - 10:15 at Cross of Glory. The time allows families to attend either our 8:30 service at Cross of Glory or 10:30 service at Atonement. Guests are always welcome!

Atonement Members – Next Sunday is the semi-annual congregational meeting immediately following 10:30 worship in the fellowship hall at Atonement.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “God’s work. Our hands.” service projects last weekend. Flowers were planted, cards were made, garden harvest was donated and inspiration rocks were painted!

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.