

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



September 26, 2021
18th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory
10:30 Worship at Atonement

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

Many Thanks to Our Ministry Assistants for Today

Ushers: 8:30 – Jeff Olson, Leslie Bjork; 10:30 – Carol Hoiby, Bea Laubach

Greeters: 8:30 – Paula Reed; 10:30 – Carol Hoiby

Worship Assistants: 8:30 – TBD; 10:30 - Andrea Weatherly

Lectors: 8:30 – Jaime Verkuilen; 10:30 – Jim Nelson

Communion Set-Up: 8:30 – Becky Redding; 10:30 – Carol Hoiby

Counters: 8:30 – Matt/Gretchen, Linda Thorson; 10:30 – Gwen Blomseth, Tony Houfek

Nursery: 8:30 – Dani Gow; 10:30 - TBD

Church Closer (COG): TBD

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Atonement Lutheran Church

1980 Silver Lake Road NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-2240
AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:30



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
763-784-2528
CrossOfGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30

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 signup 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

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”, vs. 1, 2 & 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

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to

stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”, vs. 1-3

ELW #712

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: "Songs Without Words No. 1" - Mendelssohn

Ivan Konev

10:30: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" – arr. K. Lee Scott

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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart", vs. 1 & 4

ELW #800

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

"Go, Make Disciples" (Sung 2X)

ELW #540

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Crossroads Sunday School & Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Worship at Atonement 11:15 – Atonement Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8:00 – Men's Bible Study 1:00 – Kitchen Kut-Ups at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30 – Confirmation 7:00 – Atonement Choir
Thursday	1:00 – Game Day at Atonement 6:30 – Crossroads Deep Listener Training at Cross of Glory
Friday	Pastor's Day Off 5:00 – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9:00 – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9:00 – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School & Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

Atonement's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is today immediately following worship.

You Are Invited – Please join us for a Deep Listening Training, during which the St. Paul Area Synod staff will train Listeners so that we can reach out to our church membership for one on one listening sessions over the coming months and better understand what God is up to in our midst. *Why?* The Crossroads Parish of Atonement & Cross of Glory continues to deepen its work together. We're well into our third year of official ministry together and now is the time to vision together about the future. We have assembled a Visioning Team including Melissa Emerson, Dani Gow, Jeff Kinsel, Bruce Jahnke, Jim Nelson and Adam Vasel. The first step in the Visioning process is intentionally listening to individuals in our congregation. Come help us with this important work!

Please keep Atonement members, Jim & Laurel Nelson in your prayers. Laurel's mother "Grandma Bea" passed away. Bea was 106 years old and had a lot of time to make an impression on this world. Let us give thanks to God for a life well lived.

Please continue to keep Cross of Glory members, Mary Loesch & Jason, Deb & Analisa Loesch in your prayers. Mel's funeral was held yesterday, Saturday, 25 in Hastings, MN.

Michael Anderson Memorial Service September 16, 2021, Atonement Lutheran Church

The family of Michael Hugh Anderson thanks Pastor Cassie for coordinating a lovely send-off for our beloved brother. Her homily was pertinent and touching. The music (I Believe and Here I Am, Lord) by Diane Lightbody, Ray Lucas, and Tony Houfek was stirring and truly beautiful. We thank, from the bottom of our hearts, the Atonement friends who helped make this memorial service and luncheon so smooth: Tami and Bob Kinney who brought tables and chairs outside for luncheon guests to dine at, and Arlene Drier who gathered up all our displays while the family was socializing with the guests. We are full of gratitude for this help.

Paul and Bonnie Anderson

Jesse, Julie, Claire, and Emma Anderson

Lindsey, Pete, Annika, and Leah Fabian