

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



October 3, 2021
19th 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 – Linda Thorson, Leslie Bjork; 10:30 – Carol Hoiby, Bea Laubach

Greeters: 8:30 – Paula Reed; 10:30 – Virginia Cahow

Acolyte: 8:30 – Leslie Bjork; 10:30 – Carol Hoiby

Worship Assistants: 8:30 – TBD; 10:30 – Lorna Schultz

Lectors: 8:30 – Shari Waddell; 10:30 – Lorna Schultz

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

Counters: 8:30 – Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis; 10:30 – Tony Houfek, Bruce Jahnke

Nursery: 8:30 – Dani Gow; 10:30 - TBD

Church Closer (COG): Bob Reed

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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

“God Is Here!”, vs. 1 & 3

ELW #526

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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (Read responsively)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! -

**²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

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: "Turkish Rondo" by Mozart

Bea Kaden

10:30: "His Mercy is More" – Papa/Boswell

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

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

"Day by Day", vs. 1 & 2

ELW #790

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, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #542

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 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8:00 – Men's Bible Study 1:00 – ABCD Book Club at Atonement
Tuesday	2:00 – Atonement Worship Committee 6:00 – Pop Up Pet Blessing at Atonement 7:00 – Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	6:30 – Confirmation 7:00 – Atonement Choir
Thursday	10:00 – Prayer Shawls Plus at Cross of Glory 1:00 – Game Day at Atonement
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

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and support during this time around Dad's passing. Loesch family

Crossroads Generosity Campaign

Every year we faithfully put together our church budgets to be ready for approval at our annual congregational meetings in January. In preparation for forming the budget of each congregation, we ask that everyone submits an "Intention Card," which is your best guess of what you will be able to give to support the church in the coming year. While it might seem like a small thing, it makes a big difference in the planning process at church. It is also something that is not taken

lightly: our hope is that each family prayerfully considers their giving. As we prepare for our generosity campaign to begin in October, we are forming a Generosity Team that will plan a campaign that reaches out to both congregations. If you are interested in serving on this team, please notify the church office.

ABCD Book Club - Our next book discussion will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, October 4 at 1pm and we will discuss ***Beneath the Scarlet Sky*** by Mark T Sullivan. In November we will discuss ***Maisie Dobbs*** by Jacqueline Winspear. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Bring a mask and your own beverage.

Pop Up Pet Blessing

Join for this year's Blessing of the Animals at Atonement (1980 Silver Lake Road, New Brighton) THIS Tuesday, October 5th at 6pm. Pastor Cassie will be on the south side of the building, in the parking lot. The service will only be about 15 minutes, perhaps a little longer depending on how many pets and people show up! If you'd prefer to have your pet blessed drive-thru style (*for nervous pets and/or people*), following the service at 6:15pm, Pastor will be available to go car to car to bless individual animals.

Atonement Worship Committee - Due to a vacancy, we are looking to fill a position on the Atonement Worship Committee. Please consider becoming part of the Worship Committee team. We would love some new input and we meet monthly, currently in the afternoons, but we can be flexible. We are also looking for some more ushers to help with the flow of Sunday morning worship as well as someone to schedule the ushers each month. Please contact Carol Hoiby if you are interested or have questions at 763-572-9169.

Extra Church Keys? If anyone from Atonement or Cross of Glory has church keys they are no longer using, please return them to either church office.