

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



August 7, 2022
9th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 Worship at Atonement

WELCOME!

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
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Matt Verkuilen/Jon Thomalla/Tony Houfek - Audio-Visual Crew
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	9:30
Worship Assistant	Scott Carlson
Lector	Jeanette Lundgren
Usher/Acolyte	Leslie Bjork, Judy Hill
Greeter	Steve Klaers
Bread Baker	Andrea Weatherly
Communion Setup	Carol Hoiby
Communion Servers	Gwen Lentsch, Scott Carlson
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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Service

Words of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not followed your path

but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

“All Are Welcome”, vs. 1-3

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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.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jim Nelson

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

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Please stand as you are able.

Apostles’ Creed

**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: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

“Meditation from Thais” by J. Massenet

Ivan Konev

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

ELW #771

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”, vs. 1, 3-5

ELW #729

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	Camp Wapo Youth Week 9:30 – Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Men's Bible Study 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Friday	5pm – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 5pm – New Birth Church at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth Church at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Silver View Park in Mounds View – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

Thank you to Pastor Jim Nelson for preaching today!

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

August 14 - Worship in the Park – 9:30 at Silver View Park in Mounds View (corner of Silver Lake Rd & County Rd I). Bring a lawn chair and your favorite morning beverage.

August 21 – 9:30 at Atonement

August 28 – 9:30 at Atonement

September 4 (Labor Day weekend) – 9:30 worship at Cross of Glory

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with the Jumbo Sale at Cross of Glory. A **HUGE** thank you to the generous anonymous donor who matched \$5,000 of sales.

Thanks to everyone who helped with VBS last week! We had 12 kids in attendance and everyone had a lot of fun and good relationships were built. Many thanks to our volunteers: Lisa Altomari, Bea Kaden, Carl Kaden, Cheryl Lunde, Pastor Cassie, Eli Nault, Paula Reed, Claire Verkuilen and Jaime Verkuilen.

King's Kids Preschool Open House – The annual meet-and-greet Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, August 28 from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6. We are currently accepting

applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Please call 651-633-2240 ext. 15 for more information.

Sunday School will kick off the new school year on Sunday, September 11 with a service project for “God’s work. Our hands.” service day. Regular classes will begin on Sunday, September 18. Registration forms will be mailed soon. They are also available at both churches or request one from Dawn at Dawn@Crossroads55112.org. Please submit completed forms to either church office.

Mounds View Festival in the Park & Parade – The Festival in the Park is August 19-20 beginning with the parade Friday night at 6pm and ending with fireworks Saturday night at 9:40pm. Cross of Glory and anyone who would like to join us will have a trailer to walk or ride in the parade and hand out goodies. (See Marilyn Goldsworthy for more info.) They are also offering a shuttle service to the park this year. For more details go to the festival’s website: <https://www.mvfestivalinthepark.org/>

Community Support Center Walk Results – It was another successful Walk thanks to everyone who participated or donated! Currently, CSC has raised \$26,106, which is over \$3,000 more than last year. **322 walkers** and **477 miles** walked!

Employment Opportunity - King’s Kids is accepting applications for a part-time preschool teacher for this fall. The requirements are: 1) a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in any field plus 1,000 hours as an Aide or student intern OR 2) a license from the Department of Education for prekindergarten or kindergarten. Call 651-633-2240 ext. 15 to apply or if you have questions.

Summer Stretch – There’s still time to sign up for Summer Stretch which begins August 15th. To sign up go to: <https://incarnationmn.org/middle-school-summer-2022/>

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” is Sunday, September 11 and is a service day to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. It’s coming up fast and we still need volunteers from Atonement and Cross of Glory who would like to coordinate a service day for Crossroads. Please let Dawn know if you are interested.