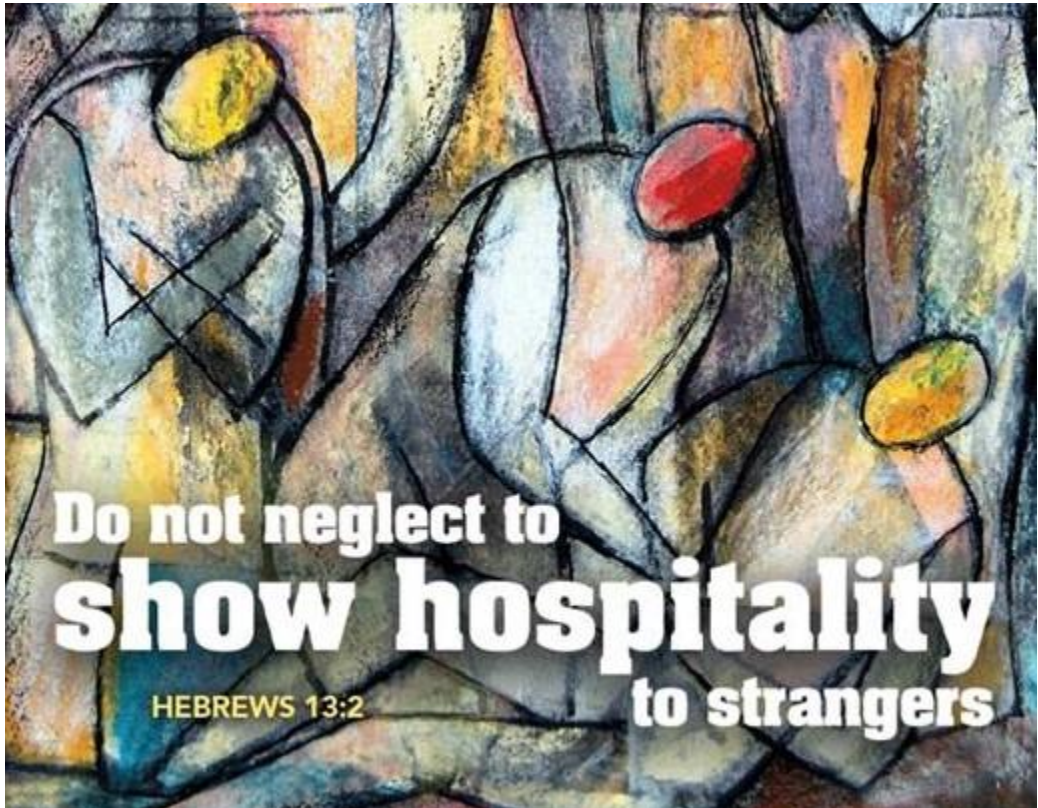


**Crossroads**  
**Atonement Lutheran Church**  
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**



**August 28, 2022**  
**12th 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  
Ivan Konev, Cross of Glory Accompanist  
Matt Verkuilen/Jon Thomalla/Tony Houfek - Audio-Visual Crew  
Marilyn Goldsworthy & Dani Gow – Sunday School/Youth Group

	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Jim Nelson
<b>Lector</b>	Shari Waddell
<b>Usher/Acolyte</b>	Linda Thorson, Bonnie Anderson
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Hoiby
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Jan Zastrow
<b>Communion Setup</b>	Judy Hill
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Gretchen Davis, Jim Nelson
<b>Counters</b>	ALC (Bruce Jahnke, Sally Kline)
	COG (Gretchen Davis, Leslie Bjork)

## **Crossroads**



**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

“Gather Us In”, vs. 1-3

ELW #532

## 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 112 (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will

be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cassie Nault

**Hymn of the Day**

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW #523

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We Are Not Alone**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of Intercession** (Repeated response)

L: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering & Music**

“Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee” by Charles Gounod

Roger Steen & 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**

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW #462

“Come to the Table”

ELW #481

**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**

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW #726

## **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	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Men's Bible Study 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
Thursday	10am – Prayer Shawls Plus at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	Labor Day Weekend 9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

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## **Upcoming Worship Schedule:**

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

**September 11** – "God's work. Our hands." service day. Return to regular worship times.

"Blessing of the Backpacks"

"Lunch Bunch" Intergenerational Learning Time

**The church offices will be closed** Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

**The Good Neighbor Back to School Project** – Today is the last day we are collecting back to school items. If you would still like to donate items, they can be brought to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf in Mounds View. The most needed items are:

- Large Sturdy Backpacks
- Spiral Wide Lined Notebooks
- Pocket Folders
- Pencils
- Washable Markers Primary Colors
- \$10.00 Gift Cards to Target

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is the National Day of Service for the ELCA.** That Sunday (Sep 11), we return to our fall worship schedule: 8:30am Worship at Cross of Glory; 9:30am Sunday School at Cross of Glory; 10:30am Worship at Atonement. At 9:30am at both sites we will have service projects to do: watch the newsletter, bulletin, and email for more information. *Want to help lead one of the projects?* Contact Pastor Cassie. On God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we'll also be kicking off our "*Lunch Bunch*" *Intergenerational Learning Time* at Atonement at 11:30am--all are invited to join us for a simple meal of sandwiches, salads, and bars/cookies. *Want to bring something to contribute to the meal?* See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** is September 11. Bring your backpack for a special blessing during service.

**Rag Rugs Needed** – King’s Kids Preschool is looking for donations of small rag rugs that are usually multi-colored and lightweight. They are easy to carry and the children use them to sit on the floor. If you have any to donate, please leave them at either church or with Dawn.

**Sunday School Needs Fleece** – Sunday school is looking for **fleece donations** to make scarves as a service project for “God’s work. Our hands.” service day on Sunday, September 11. Thanks for the donations already given! Sign up for Sunday School now. Registration forms are in the narthex.

**King’s Kids Preschool Open House Tonight** – The annual meet-and-greet Ice Cream Social is tonight, August 28 from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6. King’s Kids Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Please call 651-633-2240 ext. 15 for more information.

**CPY’s Birthday Bash!** (Community Partners with Youth) – Help CPY celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Saturday, September 10 from 12-4pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, rain or shine. Free family fun, games, activities, food trucks & giveaways. Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo performance at 1:30. CPY alumni? Stop by the CPY booth for a free gift.