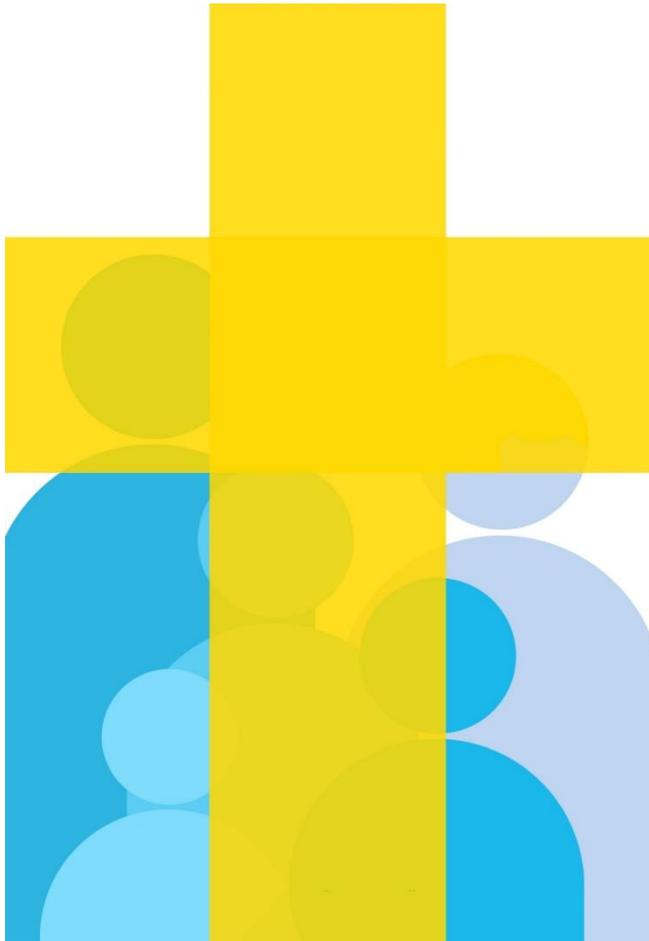


**Crossroads**  
**Atonement Lutheran Church**  
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**



**September 4, 2022**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 Worship at Cross of Glory

# **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>	Steve Klaers
<b>Lector</b>	Vicki Klaers
<b>Usher/Acolyte</b>	Paula Reed
<b>Greeter</b>	Linda Thorson
<b>Bread Baker</b>	NA
<b>Communion Setup</b>	Becky Redding
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Linda Radtke, Vicki Klaers
<b>Counters</b>	COG (Linda Thorson, Bob Reed)
	ALC (Royce King, Tony Houfek)

## **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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**All: Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**All: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Gathering Song

Chosen by Congregation

## 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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1 (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**Second Reading: Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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## **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cassie Nault

**Hymn of the Day**

Chosen by Congregation

*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: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering & Music**

“Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*” by P. Mascagni

Ivan Konev

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Offering Prayer**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

*Please be seated.*

**Communion Hymns**

Chosen by Congregation

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn**

Chosen by Congregation

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**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 Cross of Glory 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	Labor Day – Offices Closed 8am – Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory – Backpack Blessing 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 9:30 – GWOH Service Projects at both churches 10:30 – Worship at Atonement – Backpack Blessing 11:30 – "Lunch Bunch" at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

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### **Upcoming Worship Schedule:**

**September 11** – "God's work. Our hands." service day.  
Return to regular worship times and Sunday School/Youth.  
"Blessing of the Backpacks"  
"Lunch Bunch" Intergenerational Learning Time

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

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

**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. Sunday School will be making fleece scarves at Cross of Glory and everyone is welcome to participate. Atonement will be cleaning the rain garden and all welcome to help. You can help at either location.

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 in the narthex.

**Crossroads Worship Committee** meets this Tuesday at 4pm at Cross of Glory. Anyone is welcome to join us!

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Clothing Collection** – Atonement & Cross of Glory will begin collecting winter clothing the month of September. Items accepted: winter coats (gently used/new), snow suits or pants, gloves/mittens/scarves (gently used/new/handmade), hats (new/handmade only please). Please no indoor-weight clothing, light-weight coats (fleece or vests). All sizes accepted. Please wash items before donating as recipients can't afford to do this themselves.

**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.

**Many Thanks!** Thank you to everyone who donated fleece to Sunday School and school supplies, backpacks & gift cards to the Good Neighbor Back-to-School Project.

**Atonement's Holidale Boutique** is planned for Saturday, November 5 from 9am-3pm. Watch for more details to come.

**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.