

CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



March 29, 2024
Good Friday – “Tapestry of Darkness” Cantata
Pastor Cassie Nault & Deacon Brad Mills
6:30pm at Atonement



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN

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**ATONEMENT
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New Brighton, MN

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
763-784-2528
CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Atonement Lutheran Church
1980 Silver Lake Road NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-2240
AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

Thank you to our worship leaders:

Shannon Rosas; Diane Lightbody
Atonement Choir; Cross of Glory Choir
Pastor Cassie Nault; Deacon Brad Mills
and to all our volunteers.

We acknowledge that we gather as Atonement and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches on the traditional land of the Wahpekute, a band of the Dakota and one of the seven groups of Oceti Sakowin, translated as “the Seven Councils Fire”, also referred to as the Great Sioux Nation as well as Anishinaabe people and other indigenous nations who have called this land home. We further acknowledge that both the State of Minnesota and the United States Government carried out genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced removal and broken promises against indigenous people as a way to acquire land. This calls us to commit to learning how to be better stewards of the land and to support indigenous communities.

“Tapestry of Darkness”

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome

“Tenebrae is a religious service of Western Christianity held during the three days preceding Easter Day, and characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles, and by a “strepitus” or “loud noise” taking place in total darkness near the end of the service.”

Offering & Music

“Were You There”

Pastor Cassie on Flute

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we give thanks for all the blessings you rain upon us. We give back to you from those blessings. Tonight, we remember that your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

“A Call to Reflection”

As we pause to reflect upon the events of our Savior’s final hours;
Jesus came as a Light of the World, but the darkness is deep’ning now.
God is weaving a tapestry, but the only portion that we can see
grows dimmer by the moment, In shadow it becomes a tapestry of darkness.
Light is slowly fading as we reflect upon the tapestry of darkness.

Reading – Matthew 26:20-25

“In Communion”

In the Upper Room, with His trusted friends, sharing Passover once again;
patiently, Jesus explains to them: The bread and the cup,
this is my body broken and poured out for you.
In communion with Me, take the unleavened bread,
and remember the Spotless Lamb.
In communion with Me, take the Cup of Redemption.
Never forget who I am: Son of God, Son of Man,
Redeemer and Friends, the Beginning and the End.
Through the bread and the cup, you will always be in communion with Me.

Reading – Matthew 26:31-35

“Celebrate the Shadow”

Heavy is the heart of the Savior, knowing what lies ahead.
Heavy are they hearts of His foll'wers filled with fear and dread.
Oh, if they could see the finished tapestry!
But just like us, they only see in shadow.
But there would be no shadow if it were not for the light.
There would be no morning if it were not for the night.
So, we celebrate the shadow; it serves as a reminder that
although the light is hidden, it still shines!
Celebrate the shadow.

Reading – Mark 14:32-43

“Not As I Will”

In the garden, in the garden of Gethsemane,
Jesus asks His faithful foll'wers, “Will you watch with Me?”
Day is dark'ning, light is fading; the hour is at hand.
He must drink the bitter cup, as the Father has planned.
“Will you watch, will you watch and pray with Me?”
“Precious Father, if You could, let this cup pass from me!

Yet, not as I will, but as You will,” He prays mournfully.
Day is dark'ning light is fading; the hour is at hand.
He must drink the bitter cup.

Reading – Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50, 53-57

“The Crimson Thread”

A thread of brown and one of green, a thread of white in between,
Woven to depict a flow'ring tree.
A glint of armor and a sword, the purple robe Jesus wore;
the angry mob shouting, “Crucify!”
Through it all, the crimson thread reappears in deepest red.
The rigid Law: God's command; the sacrifice: the Spotless Lamb;
burning stripes upon His back, scarlet beads upon His brow.
The crimson tread is being woven now into the tapestry.
We see the prophecy fulfilled. He is Lamb Whose blood is spilled.
A thread of brown and one of green, Golgotha's hill, Calvary.
Through it all, the crimson thread.

Reading: John19:1-15

“Behold Your King”

I find no fault in Him. He is innocent! Behold Your King!
Let Him be crucified. Let his blood be on us and on our children.
See Him stumbling now 'neath the weight of the tree,
as Jesus makes His way to Calvary.
And the people stood, beholding! Behold the cross of Christ!
Behold the cross on which Jesus will die.
Kyrie elison.

Reading – Isaiah 53:1-5

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighted down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Your only crown.
How pale You are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
“Tapestry of Darkness”
Take Him tenderly from the tree. Bring His body gently down.
See the wounds, in His side, His hands and His feet, the imprint of the thorny crown!
How He suffered here for our sakes, laid His life down for His friends;
showed us love and compassion, mercy and grace, pity without end.
Loving Lord, our King, Redeemer, Friend,

You gave ev'rything; but Your death is not the end.
Take Him tenderly to the tomb. Lay His body gently down.
By these stripes we are healed, and in these wounds redemption can be found.
What language shall I borrow to thank You, dearest Friend,
for this, Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end.
There would be no shadow if it were not for the light.
There would be no morning if it were not for the night.
So, we celebrate the shadow, and know that we will find
beyond the tapestry of darkness, the light still shines.

Please leave in silence.

A background image featuring soft-focus pink flowers, likely tulips, with delicate petals and yellow centers. The flowers are arranged in a way that frames the central text. The overall color palette is light pink and white, creating a gentle and celebratory atmosphere.

JOIN US FOR

EASTER

Sunday

Christ is Risen!

7:30am Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory

8:30am Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Cross of Glory

10:45am Easter Worship at Atonement