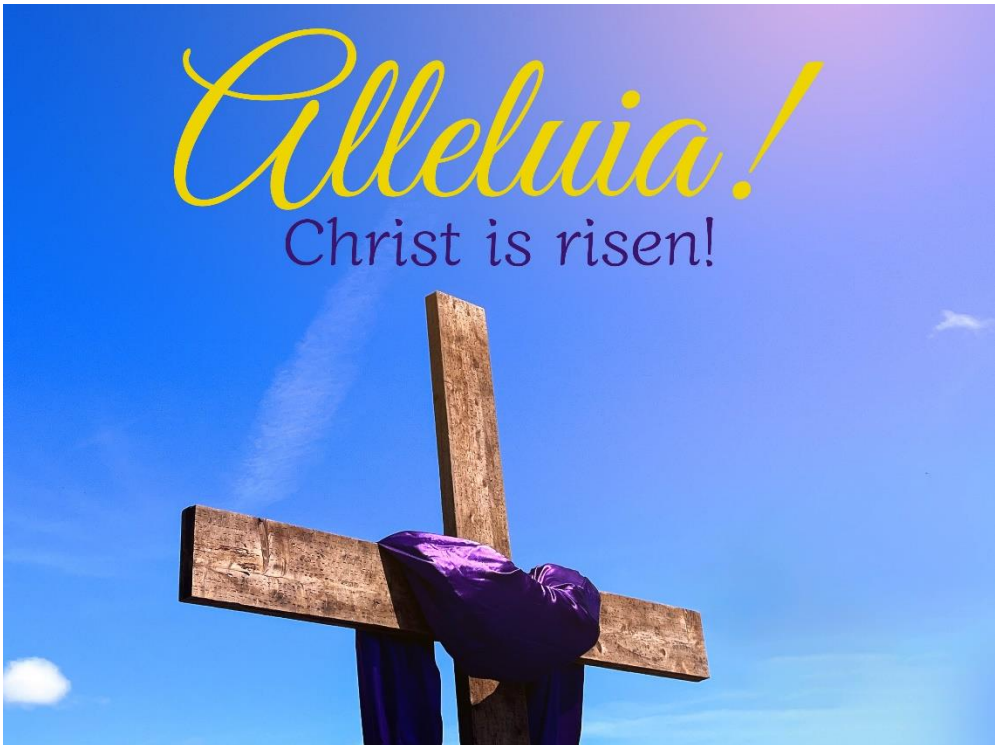


CROSSROADS  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



March 31, 2024  
Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday  
Pastor Cassie Nault & Deacon Brad Mills  
7:30 Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory  
10:45 Easter Worship at Atonement



**WELCOME TO  
CROSSROADS**  
Crossroads55112.org



**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 STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

Pastor Cassie Nault  
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator  
Ivan Konev - Accompanist  
Matt Verkuilen, Jon Thomalla - Audio-Visual  
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School

Deacon Brad Mills  
Shannon Rosas – Minister of Music  
Diane Lightbody - Accompanist  
Tony Houfek, Alice Sponholz - Audio-Visual  
Dani Gow - Youth Group

	<b>7:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	NA
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Carreen Houfek
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Thorson	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Paula Reed	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Roberta & Jeff Olson	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Claire Verkuilen, Leslie Bjork	Carreen Houfek
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth, Tony Houfek
COG CLOSER	TBD	NA

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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

7:30 – PROCESSION OF THE ETERNAL FLAME/UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

7:30 – CROSS OF GLORY CHOIR ANTHEM “AGNUS DEI” BY MICHAEL W. SMITH

WORDS OF WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Acts 10, read responsively)

We have a message to preach to all.

**Christ is risen.**

Christ lived and preached love and liberation among us.

**We are witnesses to his mighty acts.**

Christ rose from the dead and appears to us still.

**We rejoice in the living Savior. Come; let us worship the God of love and life.**

Christ is risen.

**He has risen indeed, Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”, vv. 1-4

ELW 365

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”, vv. 1, 4

ELW 367

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**All: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Cassie Nault

READING: ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Return to the Lord”

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GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>24</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen!

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”, vv. 1-3

ELW 375

*Please stand as you are able.*

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of “We Are Not Alone”, a creed from the Church of Canada.

WE ARE NOT ALONE (All)

**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 (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*Please be seated.*

OFFERING & MUSIC

7:30 “Christ Is Alive”

10:45 “Agnus Dei” – Smith

Cross of Glory Choir  
Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD’S PRAYER (Sung)

7:30 - Solo by Roger Steen

10:45 - Congregation

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”, vv. 1-5

ELW 377

“Come, Let Us Eat”, vv. 1-4

ELW 491

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

7:30 “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Cross of Glory Choir

10:45 “Thine Is the Glory”, vv. 1-3

ELW 376

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"God's work. Our hands."*

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT & CROSS OF GLORY

Today	7:30 – Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory 8:30 – Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Easter Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	Easter Monday – Church Offices Closed 8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 - Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Good Friday Worship at Atonement
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	Confirmation Sunday 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us for the Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser immediately following the 7:30am service at Cross of Glory.

## DEADLINE - GERTENS SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

The deadline to order is Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 pm. Go to [gertensfundraising.com](http://gertensfundraising.com) and enter Store ID 960, then Cross of Glory OR Atonement in Seller Name at checkout. Thanks for your support!

If anyone would like to make a donation for Cross of Glory's flower boxes, please see Bob Reed.

## ABCD MEETS TOMORROW AT 1PM

The Atonement Book Club Daytime book discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement on **Monday, April 1 at 1:00pm**. We will discuss ***Solito: A Memoir*** by Javier Zamora. On May 6 we will discuss ***The Forest of Vanishing Stars*** by Kristin Harmel. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory

are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring a mask and your own beverage.

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Both Atonement and Cross of Glory will hold a special congregational meeting after each service **Sunday, April 28** to vote on including a welcome statement into our bylaws in both constitutions. A copy of the welcome statement is in the narthex of both churches.

### BINGO FUNDRAISER EVENT

Come join us April 17th at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory for a fun night of bingo with your family and friends! Cards are \$1 each and cash prizes could be yours. All proceeds go to support our church ministry work in your local neighborhood. Concessions will be available. This event is open to the public so invite your family, friends and neighbors!

### ATONEMENT RUMMAGE SALE – BUDGET FUNDRAISER

Atonement has set tentative dates to have another sale this year, Thursday – Saturday, April 25-27. In order for this sale to be successful, we need lots of donations and volunteers to help set up the week of the sale, sign up to help with shifts and clean up after the sale ends on Saturday afternoon. Sign up sheets for volunteers and drop off dates will be available next Sunday.

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

Mark your calendars! All are invited to join the youth as we help pack manna packs at Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, April 18 from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Ride sharing can be arranged too.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Hungry for more pancakes? Join Messiah Lutheran Church, in Mounds View, for their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, April 21 from 8:30am – 12:30pm. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

### HUNGER MONTH

March was Hunger Month...and Atonement members stepped up to the plate (forgive the baseball analogy). On March 28, six large bags (62#) of food were delivered to the food shelf by Paul & Bonnie Anderson. Thanks to all the members and guests who donated non-perishable foods!

### GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The first session in the Spring Growing Through Loss series begins Monday, April 8 at Christ the King in New Brighton. The topic is “The Conundrum of Absences and Presences” and begins at 7pm with registration beginning at 6:45pm. Brochures with more information are located in the narthex of both churches.



## **NEW PAPER DIRECTORY - REVIEW NEEDED**

New paper directories with updated information (no photos) are almost done! There is one copy in the narthex of both churches.

- 1. Please review your family information to make sure it's correct.**
- 2. Make any necessary corrections.**
- 3. Or, if all looks good, please put a checkmark by your name showing you've reviewed it.**

**MANY, MANY THANKS!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the many parts of making our Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter services, soup suppers, Lenten Connection Groups and Easter breakfast so wonderful. It can't happen without our volunteers and support from everyone at Crossroads.



The flowers on our Easter altars are given by the following people to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in honor of their family and friends. Please feel free to take your plant(s) home with you after worship.

Bonnie & Paul Anderson—To the beauty of all Earth's lands, water, plants and creatures.

Jeanne Boyle—In memory of my husband Jerry and mother Mildred Matson.

Virginia Cahow—Blessings, honor and praise to members of Atonement for your special prayers, love and care during my recent cancer and heart episodes. I have recovered for now.

Gretchen Davis—In memory of Aunt Viki.

The Fabian Family—Thankful for Crossroads Parish.

Daniella Gow—Thinking of you, Marilyn & George Gow and my grandparents.

Judy Hill—In honor of Michael.

Carol Hoiby—In honor of police officers and first responders.

Carreen & Tony Houfek

Bruce & Nancy Jahnke—Thank you, God, for family & friends.

Sally Kline—Remembering all my family members and friends from Atonement who have gone before me.

Dave & Bev Knapp—In memory of our parents.

Florence Lemke—In memory of Henry, Opal and Linda Lemke.

Bernie and Gwen Lentsch—In loving memory of our parents, brothers and sisters, and in thanksgiving for all our blessings.

Peg & Doug Lindner—In memory of loved ones and for all our blessings. He is risen.

The Lunde Family—To Jim Nelson, you are a blessing. Thankful for God's gifts.

Ron & Shelly Markham—Dedicated to our parents and our church family.

The Mills Family

Linda Radtke—In memory of Erwin, Joyce and David M. Radtke

Becky and Tom Redding—In loving memory of loved ones forever in our hearts. In thanksgiving for Donnie, Shellie, Katie, Penny, Drew and Lucy.

Bob and Paula Reed—In memory of loved ones and our wonderful families.

Carol and Dale Tilden—In memory of our parents, Iris and Roy Tilden and Florence and William Vellekson.

Shari Waddell—In memory of my mom, dad, brother Jim and dear friend Ruby. To my church family and friends.

Jim & Jan Zastrow—In memory of my parents and all of my family who have gone before us.

