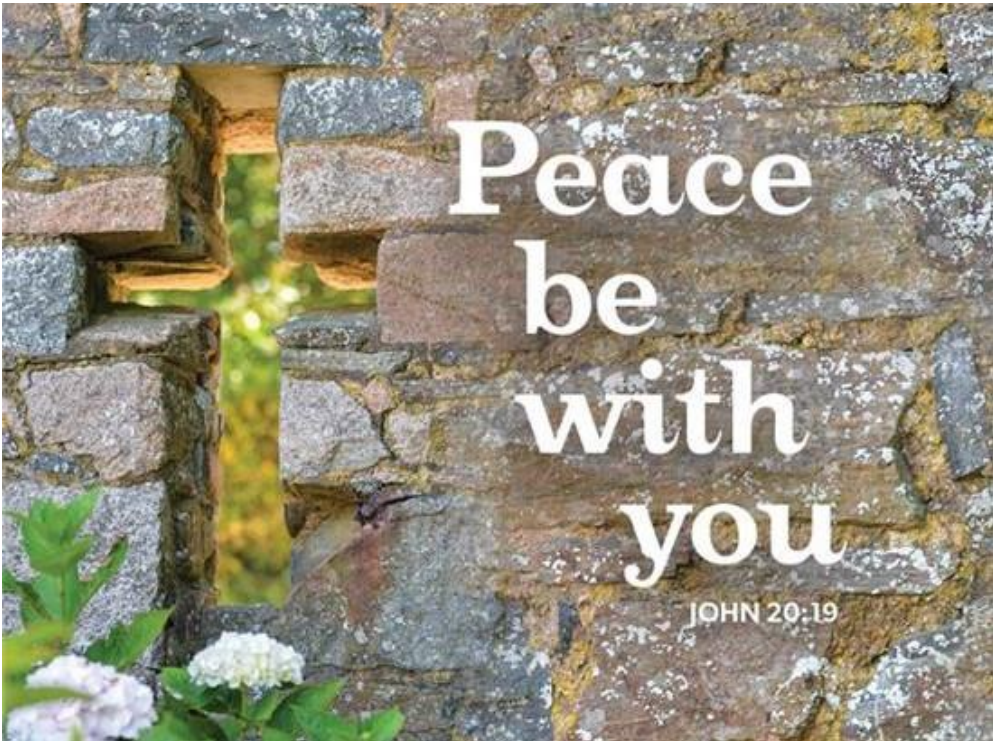


CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
Pastor Cassie Nault & Deacon Brad Mills
8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory
10:45 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

	8:30	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	Wayne Haselhorst
LECTOR	Jaime Verkuilen	Wayne Haselhorst
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed	Judy Hill
GREETER	Linda Radtke	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Jason Emerson	Gwen Blomseth, Royce King
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

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All: Amen.

Look, here is water!

All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Look, here is water!

All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises", vv. 1-4

ELW 379

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.

KYRIE

page 138 ELW

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

page 139 ELW

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CATECHISM MOMENT – THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Deacon Brad Mills

READING: ACTS 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 (Read responsively)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.
Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”, vv. 1-4

ELW 384

Please stand as you are able.

10:45 L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the "Apostles' Creed".

10:45 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,**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace.

All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father...

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

8:30 "Holy City" – Stephan Adams

10:45 "Open Our Eyes" – Cull

Roger Steen
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.**

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

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises", vv. 1-2

ELW 535

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	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Wednesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9:30 – Mary-Elizabeth Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	4:15 – Atonement Charitable Giving Offsite 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 3pm – Girl Scout Event at Atonement
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> <u>12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

WE CELEBRATE TODAY!

After much time of study and personal reflection, Stephanie Thomalla will be affirming her baptism through confirmation today. Please take a moment to congratulate Stephanie and keep her in your prayers as she continues her faith journey.

GENEROSITY packets were distributed to everyone's church mailbox. Please take a moment to pick up your envelope. Thank you for your continued support!

EASTER EGG HUNT & HAM DINNER RAFFLE

Our first Easter Egg Hunt was a success with over 70 children attending. We hid 1,000 eggs around Cross of Glory (unfortunately we had to move it indoors due to snow), gave out a bag of candy to each participant and four prizes to the eggs found containing a Golden Ticket. We also had coloring pages and crayons available, popcorn and lemonade and we sold raffle tickets for the ham dinner. The winner of raffle was

Crossroads' very own Peg Lindner! In total we sold about 124 raffle tickets, earning approximately \$300 that will be split between our churches. All the costs of the event were purchased using a Thrivent Grant. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful!

CHURCH RETREAT AT TRINITY WOODS RETREAT CENTER in Trego, WI May 3-5, 2024

What: Church Retreat (Atonement, Cross of Glory & Abiding Savior) "What is the Bible?" 2024 Edition - **NEW this year, Everyone is invited! (not just men)**

Where: Trinity Woods Retreat Center (formerly Heartwood Resort) N10884 Hoinville Rd, Trego, WI 54888

When: Friday, May 3th to Sunday, May 5th, 2024

Who: Woman, Men, Folks of any age. Joint event for Atonement and Cross of Glory

Why: Let's get away for the weekend! Do bonfires, hanging out, card games, fishing, hiking, boating, golf, disc golf, and lots of tasty food sound good to you? It's time to bond with other folks in our churches and discover a spiritual connection together! This will be a low key, relaxed, fun time focused on fellowship, food, and also our shared faith connection together.

We will be discussing Rob Bell's book "What is the Bible?" After registration please pick up a copy of the book on a Sunday morning or at church office during the week. Recommended to read the book before retreat (don't worry it is a quick, easy and fun read!)

Cost: \$260

Register: Sign up by dropping off your \$100 deposit by **April 21st, 2024** to church office.

Questions? Please contact Steve Klaers at 612.599.8103 or sklaers@gmail.com or Deacon Brad at 612.242.7250 or Brad@crossroads55112.org

DEAR FRIENDS AT CROSS OF GLORY & ATONEMENT

Thank you so much for your gracious donations to my pancake breakfast fundraiser. I greatly appreciate your support and prayers during my seminary education. I look forward to sharing my project with you when I return from my travel class on Luther in Germany. In God's grace, Jennifer Schneider

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 – DONATIONS & BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Atonement is having a rummage sale **Thursday – Saturday, April 25-27**. Drop off times for donations are Mondays 3-5pm, Wednesdays 5-7pm, Saturdays 10-Noon and Sunday mornings. Items can be brought in during the week when the office is open too. If you need to bring donations outside of these times, please contact Carol Hoiby at 763-438-1184. Signup sheets to help with shifts are available at both churches.

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**. Signup sheets are available at both churches. Ride sharing can be arranged too.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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.

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.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The first session in the Spring Growing Through Loss series is **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.