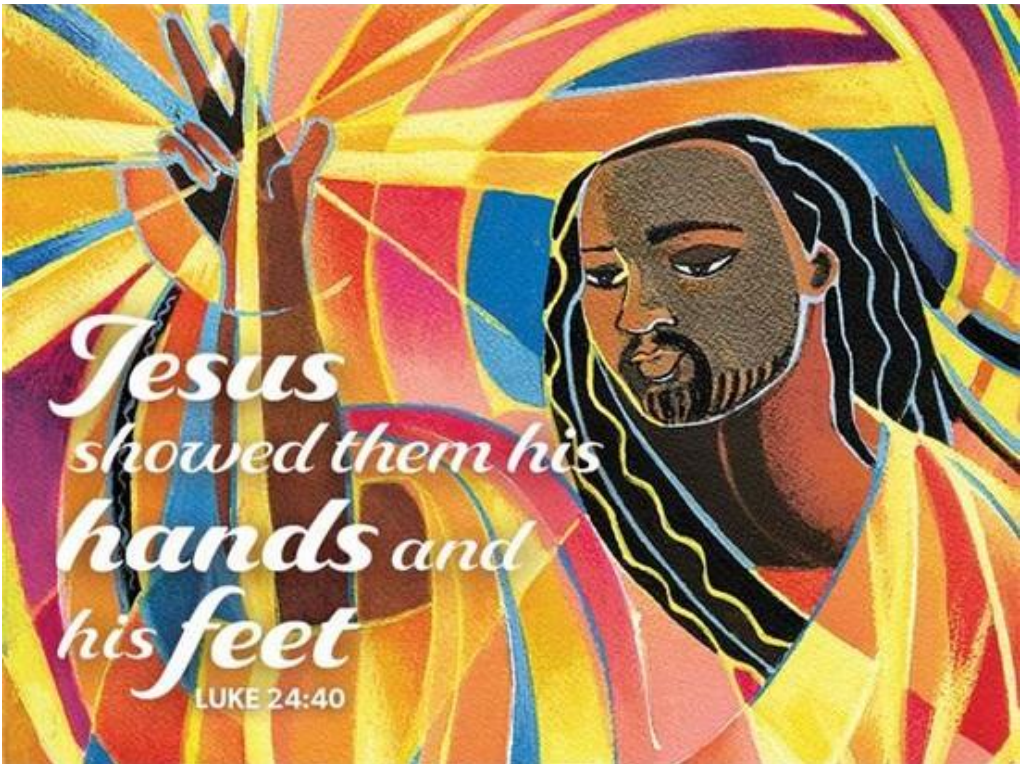


CROSSROADS  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



April 14, 2024  
Third 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

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	TBD	Steve Klaers
LECTOR	Claire Verkuilen	Vicki Klaers
USHER/ACOLYTE	Benson/Redding	Bonnie Anderson
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Carol Hoiby
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Jeff & Roberta Olson	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Jaime Verkuilen, Leslie Bjork	Vicki Klaers
COUNTERS	Jason Emerson, Roger Steen	Tony Houfek, Bruce Jahnke
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

“The Day of Resurrection!” vv. 1-3

ELW 361

## 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

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**All: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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.*

## READING: ACTS 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer

and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As We Gather at Your Table” vv. 1-3

ELW 522

*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

**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

8:30 "Daisies" - Rachmaninoff

Ivan Konev

10:45 "Without His Cross" – Martin

Atonement Choir

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

**All: Our Father...**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" vv. 1-3

ELW 470

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" vv. 1-3

ELW 468

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

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”, vv. 1-3, 5

ELW 389

## 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 – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Council Meetings at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30am – Toastmasters at Cross of Glory 3:30 – KKP Board Meeting at Atonement 6:30 – Bingo at Cross of Glory
Thursday	10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 7pm – Feed My Starving Children
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings 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>

GENEROSITY packets were distributed or mailed to everyone. Please return completed forms by April 21<sup>st</sup>. They can be dropped in the offering plate or left at either church office. Thank you for your continued support!

### BINGO FUNDRAISER EVENT – THIS WEDNESDAY!

Join us this **Wednesday, 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. Concessions will be available. This event is open to the public so invite your family, friends and neighbors!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT – THIS THURSDAY!

All are invited to join the youth as they volunteer at Feed My Starving Children this **Thursday, April 18 from 7:00 – 8:30pm**. Signup sheets are available at both churches. There are seated positions available and ride sharing can be arranged too.

NAOMI CIRCLE changed their meeting date to this Thursday at 10am at Cross of Glory.

MANY, MANY THANKS to Kevin Gaylor and Tom & Denise Thomalla for cutting down, removing stumps and hauling brush away of 3 diseased trees and 2 unsightly bushes on Cross of Glory's property! They worked very hard and efficiently together. Please take a moment to share your appreciation.

#### ATONEMENT RUMMAGE SALE – DONATIONS & BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Atonement is having a rummage sale **Thursday/Friday, April 25-26, 8:30am – 7pm and Saturday, April 27 from 9am – 3pm** . 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.

#### EASTER BUNNY

In last weekend's update it wasn't mentioned that the Easter bunny showed up and was a big hit at our egg hunt too. Thanks to Pastora Ana Becerra from Cristo Rey!

#### 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:** 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 in the narthex and drop off your \$100 deposit by **April 21st, 2024** to the church office.

**Questions?** Please contact Steve Klaers at 612.599.8103 or [sklaers@gmail.com](mailto:sklaers@gmail.com) or Deacon Brad at 612.242.7250 or [Brad@crossroads55112.org](mailto:Brad@crossroads55112.org)

#### 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 next session in the Spring Growing Through Loss series is **Monday, April 15** at Christ the King in New Brighton. The topic is “Thankfulness in the Midst of Grief and Grieving” and begins at 7pm with registration beginning at 6:45pm. Brochures with more information are located in the narthex of both churches.