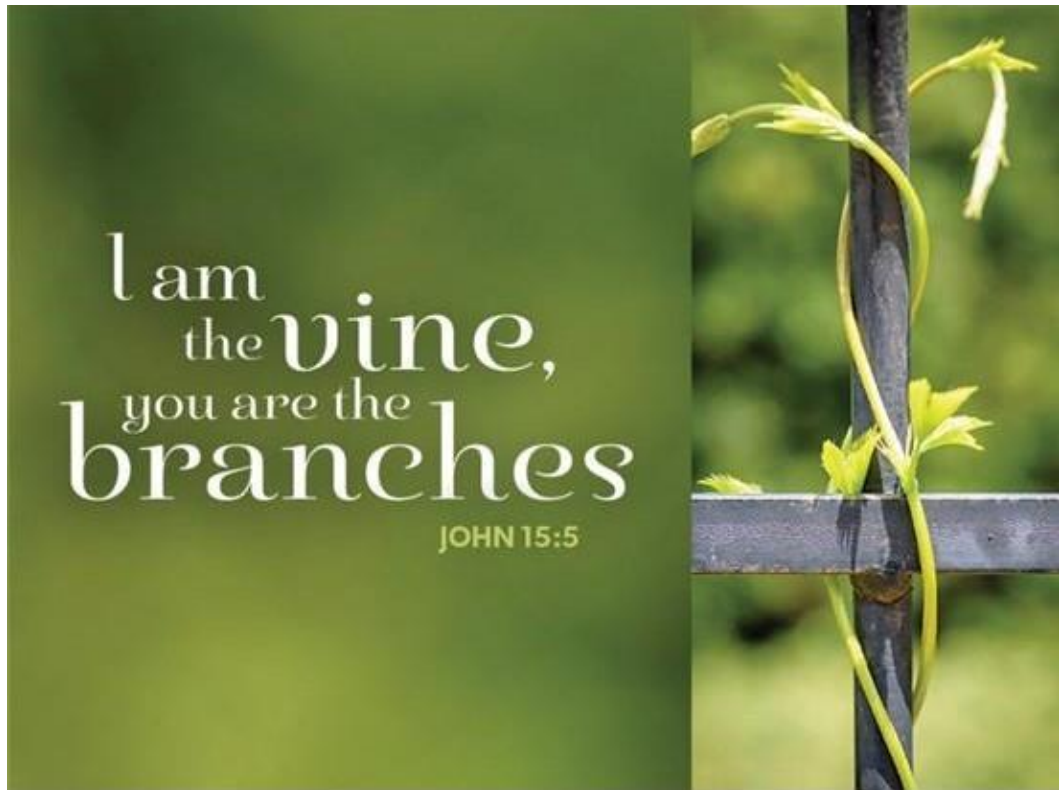


CROSSROADS  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



April 28, 2024  
Fifth 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	NA	Jim Nelson
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Laurel Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Linda Thorson	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Linda Radtke	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gretchen Davis, Linda Radtke	Laurel Nelson
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline
COG CLOSER	Bob Reed	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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 31 - Read responsively)

Praise the Lord,

**who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love;**

**and who, for the sake of his name,**

**leads us and guides us.**

In you, O Lord, we put our trust.

You are our God,

and our lives are in your hands.

**Lord, let the light of your face shine on us**

**as we celebrate together in your presence. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

"You Are the Vine" – Daniels/Rigby

Lyrics Projected

## 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

"Jesus Loves Me" v. 1

ELW 595

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**All: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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.*

## READING: ACTS 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard

him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

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*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Offertory Music:

8:30 “Amazing Grace”

10:45 “Lord, Be Glorified”

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

**All: Our Father...**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“We Know That Christ Is Raised” vv. 1-4

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” vv. 1-5

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” vv. 1-3

ELW 367

*Please be seated.*

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

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 Congregational Vote 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Congregational Vote Noon – Cristo Rey Welcome Celebration at Atonement 3pm - Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement
Wednesday	11:30 – Toastmasters Event at Cross of Glory 2pm – Visitation at Atonement 3pm – Memorial Service at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	Parish Retreat at Trinity Woods 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	Parish Retreat at Trinity Woods 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	Parish Retreat at Trinity Woods 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement <u>3pm - Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

WELCOME CRISTO REY! As many of you already know, Cristo Rey, a Spanish speaking Lutheran ministry that has been housed at Christ the King in New Brighton, has joined us as a part of Crossroads. Join Pastora Ana, Deacon Brad, and Pastor Cassie at 12pm worship in Spanish today as we celebrate this deepening partnership between our churches. Worship will include a blessing by Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Justin Grimm, and will be followed by a time of fellowship and celebration. Let us show Cristo Rey a warm Crossroads welcome.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTE TODAY at Atonement and Cross of Glory immediately following each service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for David Kellesvig is Wednesday, May 1 at Atonement, 3:00pm; Visitation at 2:00pm. Please keep the Kellesvig family in your prayers.

MINISTER OF MUSIC FAREWELL - Our Minister of Music, Shannon Rosas, has announced that she is leaving her position at Atonement at the end of May. We will have a farewell celebration for Shannon following the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate her many years of service here and to wish her well. Shannon wrote in her letter to our council *"I've been in this role for 12 and a half years, since September of 2011, and I've enjoyed my years here. I've created incredible relationships, grown my family, and relied on members here for countless hours of support, musical and otherwise. It has made a profound impact on my life."* Please join us in saying a farewell blessing for Shannon and her daughters in the worship service on May 19th and join us afterward for the time of fellowship. Thanks be to God for the beautiful music Shannon has helped us make together!

PLANT SALE PICKUP DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Plant sale pickup day is Wednesday, May 15th in the evening. We need volunteers that afternoon (3pm-6pm) to help sort the plant orders. Contact the church office if you are able to help.

KITCHEN KUT UPS PRESENTS "Who Wrote the Book of Love", a free one-hour variety show featuring songs, costumes and skits May 10 at Atonement, 7pm. Refreshments will follow the show. All are welcome!

PENTECOST GERANIUMS – Order forms are available if you'd like to help decorate our altars for Pentecost, May 19. Plants are \$16 and can be taken home after Pentecost service for your deck or garden.

BWCA - Boundary Waters Canoe Trip - We have 2 spots left for our canoe trip this summer July 17-21st (currently we have 7 signed up and 9 is the maximum). Please contact Deacon Brad if you have any questions or would like to join us! Email: [Brad@crossroads55112.org](mailto:Brad@crossroads55112.org)

GROWING THROUGH LOSS - The next session in the Spring Growing Through Loss series is **Monday, April 29** at Christ the King in New Brighton. The topic is "The Dimensions of Multiple Loss" and begins at 7pm with registration beginning at 6:45pm. Brochures with more information are in the narthex.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to build an indoor garden table for King's Kids Preschool. 3'L x 4.5"W x 9"D x 2.5"H, no castors, holes in bottom for drainage, plastic tray underneath to catch water. Please contact Lisa Altomari if you can help at [mlcaltomari@gmail.com](mailto:mlcaltomari@gmail.com).

KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL LOOKING FOR donations of loose parts, bolts, spools, scrap wood, washers, buttons, etc. for craft projects. Contact Lisa Altomari with questions at [mlcaltomari@gmail.com](mailto:mlcaltomari@gmail.com).