

**Crossroads Parish
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**



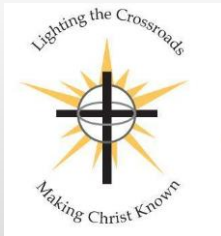
**March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent**

Welcome!

*Thank you for joining us.
May you find inspiration & joy in your time with us.*

Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

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Order of Worship

Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory", vs. 1, 3 & 4

ELW #324

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ

crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation: "Where Charity and Love Prevail", vs. 1

ELW #359

Gospel: John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day: "Canticle of the Turning", vs. 1-3

ELW #723

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,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Offering:

8:30 – “Prelude in C Major” by J.S. Bach

Ivan Konev

10:30 – “As the Deer Runs to the River” – ELW #331

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

Offertory Prayer

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: “I Am the Bread of Life”, vs. 1-2

ELW #485

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "There in God's Garden", vs. 1, 2 & 4

ELW #342

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-week Lenten Worship - Join us each Wednesday during Lent for in-person mid-week Lenten worship. Service times are 11am at Atonement and 7pm at Cross of Glory. No need to register. Masks and social distancing protocol will be followed. The 7pm evening service will be live streamed each week to watch from home.

Correction to March Newsletter Calendar – There will NOT be any mid-week services on Wednesday, March 31 as was listed on the newsletter calendar. We apologize for any confusion.

Lifetouch Directories Are In – Our Lifetouch photo directories are FINALLY in! Please check your church mailbox to pick up your copy. Due to the cost, we will not be mailing them so feel free to stop in anytime during office hours to get your copy.

King's Kids Preschool Open House – If you are interested or know someone interested in King's Kids Preschool located at Atonement, join them for an Open House, Monday, March 8 from 6:30-7:30pm. Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. Call 651-633-2240 with questions.

Pastor Marty's Book Study – Join us Sunday evenings at 6:30 via Zoom to discuss the book, "Breathing Underwater – Spirituality and the Twelve Steps" by Richard Rohr. Contact Pastor Marty for more information.

Spring Plant Sale – Don't forget to order your spring plants through Cross of Glory's Annual Spring Plant Sale. Orders are due by Sunday, March 28. Pick will be drive up style at Cross of Glory on Friday, May 7.

First Communion Preparation - Calling all families with children who are ready to receive First Communion: please contact the church office to be added to the First Communion preparation invitation. You will have an option to attend virtually or in person, so that all are comfortable. Generally, students in 1st grade and older are welcome to attend the group class. Participation is at the parents' discretion. There is no one right age to start receiving communion, so waiting until your student is older is fine as well. **First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28th at both churches.**

Atonement's Easter Garden – If you are interested in purchasing an Easter plant to decorate Atonement's Easter altar, please find the order forms in the narthex of Atonement. Orders are due by March 21.