

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



**March 14, 2021
Fourth 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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound", vs. 1-3

ELW #779

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

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest

this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

ELW #359

Gospel: John 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Intern Pastor Marty Wyatt

Hymn of the Day: “Christ, Be Our Light”, vs. 1-3

ELW #715

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 – “Awake, calls the voice to us” by J.S. Bach

Ivan Konev

10:30 – “All the People Said Amen” – Maher/Morgan/Moak 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 at 8:30 service only)

Communion Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”, vs. 1-3

ELW #759

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: “Christ, the Life of All the Living”, vs. 1-2

ELW #339

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed – We are in need of volunteers at both Atonement and Cross of Glory to help with ushering and counting. Please let Dawn in the office know if you would be available to help.

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.

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 Sunday, March 21.

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.

Correction to March Newsletter Calendar – On Wednesday, March 31, there will NOT be any mid-week services 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.

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.

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.