

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



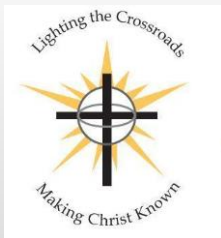
**March 21, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

# Welcome!

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

## Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

Cassie Nault, Pastor  
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Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music  
Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist  
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### CROSSROADS PARISH

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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:** "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery", vs. 1, 2 & Lent 5

ELW #334

### 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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they

broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

ELW #359

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Intern Pastor Marty Wyatt

**Hymn of the Day:** “Lift High the Cross”, vs. 1 & 3

ELW #660

**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 – “S. Rachmaninoff’s Musical moment in D flat Major”

Ivan Konev

10:30 – “Change My Heart, O God”

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 10:30 service only)

**Communion Hymn:** “Thee We Adore, O Savior”, vs. 1-2

ELW #476

## **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:** “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW #538

## **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 on Sunday mornings. Please let either church office know if you would be available to help or have any questions.

**No Youth Group Today** – Due to a scheduling conflict, we will not be meeting for youth group this morning. See you next Sunday!

**Palm Sunday/First Communion** - Join us next Sunday, March 28 for Palm Sunday as we also celebrate our youth who are receiving their First Communion.

**Mid-week Lenten Worship** - Join us Wednesday, March 24 for our last mid-week Lenten worship service at 11am at Atonement and 7pm at Cross of Glory. The 7pm evening service will be live streamed to watch from home.

**Atonement's Easter Garden** – Today is the deadline to submit your order forms to purchase an Easter plant to decorate Atonement's Easter altar. Order forms are in the narthex. Please let the office know if you would like to add a dedication with your plant to the Easter bulletin.

**Spring Plant Sale** – Next Sunday, March 28 is the deadline to submit your plant orders through Cross of Glory's Annual Spring Plant Sale. Pick will be drive up style at Cross of Glory on Friday, May 7.