

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



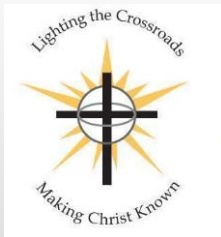
**April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## **WELCOME!**

*Thank you for joining us today.  
We hope you find inspiration in your time with us.*

### **Thank you to our staff and volunteers.**

Cassie Nault, Pastor  
Marty Wyatt, Intern Pastor  
Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music  
Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist  
Jaime Verkuilen, Cross of Glory Choir Director  
Ivan Konev, Cross of Glory Accompanist  
Matt Verkuilen/Jon Thomalla/Tony Houfek - Audio-Visual Crew



### **CROSSROADS PARISH**

#### **Atonement Lutheran Church**

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AtonementNB.org



#### **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

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**Thank you for being here for worship!**  
**These are our safety practices for worship in the sanctuary.**

As more of us are returning to worship, it is important to remember that the pandemic is not over and we must still work together to keep each other safe.

*Please remember that everyone has their own comfort level, which might not be the same as yours, and we must respect each other's feelings.*

1. If you are feeling ill, please do not stay for worship. Go home and get well.
2. Continue to wear a mask over your nose and mouth while in our church buildings. COVID-19 is primarily spread through droplets in exhaled air. Wearing a mask protects us all.
3. Be sure to check your name off on the sign-up sheets in the narthex. If you did not sign up in advance for worship, write your name and phone number on the sheet.
4. When seating yourself, please be conscious of spacing yourself 6 feet away from others in the pews in front/back and next to you. (For reference, 6 feet is every other pew or the width of 3 adults within a pew.)
5. While entering and exiting the sanctuary and our buildings, please remain 6 feet from others.
6. Please do not congregate in the narthex; head straight outside of the building for conversation with others.
7. While we continue to refrain from singing during worship, humming, whisper singing and tapping your feet to hymns are encouraged.
8. If you test positive for COVID-19 and have attended in-person worship while potentially having the virus, please contact the church office so we can notify those who attended worship. We keep this information confidential – we do not identify who has COVID, only that there was a case in worship.

It is wonderful to be in worship together.

Please follow these guidelines so we can continue worshipping in-person in the sanctuary.

Thank you!

# Order of Worship

## Words of Welcome

### Invitation to Compassion Sunday by Claire Verkuilen

#### Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 25)

L: Tornadoes and droughts, floods and global warming;

**All: violence and division and loud voices spewing hate;**

L: cancer and heart disease and COVID;

**All: poverty and injustice and oppression.**

L: The ways of death in this world are many.

**All: The words of death surround us.**

L: The fear of death sometimes paralyzes us.

**All: But we come now to hear a different Word,**

L: a true Word

**All: a life-giving Word.**

L: We are here on Isaiah's mountain

**All: where tears are wiped away,**

L: where a banquet table has been set,

**All: where death has been swallowed up forever.**

L: We do not fully understand it.

**All: We may not fully believe it.**

L: And yet here it is:

**All: the power of Jesus' life within us and among us.**

L: Inviting us to care for our neighbors: far and near.

**All: *Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!***

**Opening Hymn:** "Go, Make Disciples" (twice)

ELW #540

#### 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!**

## Prayer of the Day

**All: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

L: <sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

L: <sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

L: The holy gospel according to John.

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

L: [Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Intern Pastor Marty Wyatt

**Hymn of the Day:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”, vs. 1-3

ELW #588

**Apostles’ Creed (All)**

**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** (Repeated response)

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

**Offering**

8:30am – “Intermezzo” from Cavalleria Rusticana by P. Mascagni

Ivan Konev

10:30am – “Shepherd Me, O God” – ELW #780

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

**Offering Prayer**

L: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”, vs. 1-3

ELW #484

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

L: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Sending Hymn:** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us", vs. 1-3

ELW #789

## **Compassion Exit Video**

### **Dismissal**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** to Claire Verkuilen for sharing about her experience with Compassion International today!

**Atonement 1st Quarter Statements Are Available** - Please pick up your statement in the narthex at Atonement.

**Time & Talent Surveys** – Be sure to pick up your Time & Talent survey from the narthex. There is a basket in the narthex where you can drop off your completed survey. Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed Sunday mornings!** Please contact either church office if you would be available to help or if you have any questions about what's involved.

**King's Kids Preschool Fall Registration Open Now** – Registrations are now being taken for half-day and all-day preschool classes for King's Kids Preschool located at Atonement Lutheran Church. Call 651-633-2240 for more information.

**Atonement Worship Committee** - Atonement's Worship Committee is looking for a volunteer to coordinate ushers for worship services. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carol Hoiby at 763-572-9169.

**Men's Retreat** - The men of Atonement and Cross of Glory are invited to a Men's Retreat, May 21-23 at the Heartwood Resort and Conference Center in Trego, WI. Please contact Atonement member Steve Klaers at 612-599-8103 for more information.

Visit <https://www.heartwoodresort.com/> for more information on the resort.

### **King's Kids Preschool Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Atonement**

Wednesday, May 12 from 9am – 6pm & Thursday, May 13 from 9am - 5:30pm

**\*Note Collection Days Have Changed\***

(NO used TV sets, VCRs or mattresses are accepted.)

*Friday mornings, April 23 through May 7, between 9:30 - 11am*

*Saturdays April 24 & May 1, 8, between 3 - 5pm*

“Rollin’ Smoke” smoked foods cart will be in the Atonement parking lot all day on Wednesday, May 12 selling his delicious products.

Thank you from the King's Kids Preschool staff!