

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



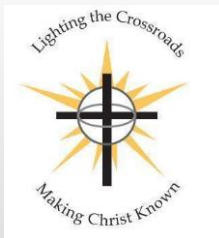
**May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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
*Thank you to our volunteers who assist with
ushering and communion every Sunday morning.*



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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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

As we remember Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, we remember our own local waters: Long Lake, Spring Lake, Rice Creek, Moore Lake, Silver Lake, the Mississippi River. Remind us in our daily lives that you give us life through these waters. As we feel the water droplets on our skin, let us rejoice in your name. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness", vs. 1-3

ELW #378

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 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.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

L: ²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

L: ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God

abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!", vs. 1

ELW #369

Gospel: John 15:1-8

L: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

L: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

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 – "In the Garden", arranged by Lorie Line

Gretchen Davis

10:30am – "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - Newton/Tomlin/Giglio

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: "Be Thou My Vision", vs. 1 & 4

ELW #793

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: "Shout to the Lord"

ELW #821

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 Gretchen Davis for subbing for Ivan today as Cross of Glory's pianist!

Complete Your Time & Talent Surveys – Be sure to complete your Time & Talent survey. There is a basket in the narthex where you can drop off your completed survey. Thank you!

ABCD Book Club - The next ABCD book discussion will be held at the home of Nancy Jahnke on Monday, May 3rd and we will discuss ***The Giver of Stars*** by JoJo Moyers. Nancy Jahnke will lead the discussion and Sally Kline will bring treats. On June 7th we will discuss ***The Dry*** by Jane Harper. Please contact Nancy Jahnke at nkjahnke@gmail.com if you need her address or would like to attend via Skype. Both Atonement and Cross of Glory are invited!

Cross of Glory's Spring Plant Sale Pick Up – Pick up is Friday, May 7 from 5:30 - 6:30pm at Cross of Glory. If you are unable to pick up your plants, please make arrangements to have someone pick them up for you. For those that did not prepay, please bring payment.

Volunteers Needed for King's Kids Preschool Rummage Sale - We will be arranging the sale items on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11. If anyone is able to help with this task, please let Bonnie Anderson (651-633-5387) know...or just come at 9:30am on May 10. Thank you so much! King's Kids Rummage Sale profits tithes to Atonement. Any unsold items will be donated to the Cross of Glory Jumble Sale.

King's Kids Preschool Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Atonement - Wednesday, May 12 from 9am – 6pm & Thursday, May 13 from 9am - 5:30pm. Collection Dates: *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.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) - The Cross of Glory Singles Group is planning a FMSC packing event on Wednesday, May 12 from 3-5pm. FMSC is open for business with some restrictions: masks are required while in the building, even if you are fully vaccinated. Your temperature will be taken when you arrive, and you will work in groups of 5. You will not be socially distanced from the people in your group, but will be distanced from other groups.

If you are comfortable volunteering under these conditions, reservations have been made for 10 volunteers. Please contact Jeanette Lundgren at 763-786-4839 if you wish to participate.

Pentecost at Atonement - Pentecost is Sunday, May 23rd. Atonement's Worship Committee will be ordering red Geraniums to decorate Atonement's altar. Please complete an order form by May 19 and turn them into the office or to Carol Hoiby, 763-572-9169. ***Let's fill up the sanctuary with red - reserve your Geraniums!***

Summer Stretch Sign-Up Open Now – Summer Stretch is a weeklong (July 5-9) summer ministry program centered around service and fellowship, open to middle & high school age students. Pick up a brochure in the narthex for details. Registration deadline is May 31. Questions? See Pastor Cassie or Pastor Marty.

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

Church Offices Closed for Vacation - Both church offices will be closed the week of May 17-21. Please submit June newsletter articles as soon as possible in May. Thank you!

Welcome Back New Birth Church at Cross of Glory - New Birth is a Seventh Day Adventist congregation who we had formed an agreement with to rent our building right before the pandemic began. New Birth observes the Sabbath on Saturdays and is excited to resume in-person worship beginning this weekend and will abide by all the same parameters as Cross of Glory for social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, and so forth. They will also use the building on Friday evenings. We are blessed to have found another congregation to share our building.

Administrative Coordinator Sought for Growing Through Loss Program - The North Suburban Grief Coalition is seeking a part-time administrative coordinator. The coordinator works with the program's director, publicity person and host churches, meets with a steering committee twice a year, maintains data bases, does bookkeeping and pays bills, prepares bulk mailings, sets up and is present for the six weeks of each Growing Through Loss series. Stipend is \$500 a quarter. Resume and references requested.

Contact current coordinator Nancy Jahnke at growingthroughloss55112@gmail.com or director Susan Amos Palmer at suesanamospalmer@hotmail.com.

Temporary Workers Needed – Workers aged 18 and over are needed at various locations through May 21 to check people in to receive a Covid vaccination. Pay is \$21/hr, basic computer skills and a background and drug test (paid for by STS) are required. Contact Leslie Bjork at 952-500-0033.