

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



**April 10, 2022**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Full to the Brim Lenten Series  
*"Even the stones cry out"*  
8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory  
10:30 Worship at Atonement

***WELCOME!*** Thank you for joining us.

**Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers**

Pastor Cassie Nault

Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music

Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist

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Marilyn Goldsworthy & Dani Gow – Sunday School/Youth Group

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Olson, Linda Thorson	Paul & Bonnie Anderson
<b>Greeter</b>	TBD	Carol Tilden
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jeff Olson	Bonnie Anderson
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<b>Counters</b>	Bob Reed, Linda Thorson	Bruce Jahnke, Royce King
<b>Nursery</b>	Dani Gow	TBD
<b>COG Church Closer</b>	TBD	NA

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**ATONEMENT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Atonement Lutheran Church**

1980 Silver Lake Road NW

New Brighton, MN 55112

651-633-2240

AtonementNB.org

Worship at 10:30



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

5472 Adams Street

Mounds View, MN 55112

763-784-2528

CrossOfGloryMV.org

Worship at 8:30

**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. If you are a guest, please be sure to add your name and email address or phone number to the signup sheet in the narthex. This is for contact tracing.
3. As you enter and leave the sanctuary, make sure to give others enough space to safely pass at a distance. Let us extend welcome to one another by maintaining some social distance for those who require it.
4. 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!

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## Order of Worship

**Gathering - *Those who are able please gather in the narthex to process in with palm branches.***

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Call to Worship (read responsively)**

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

**It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.**

It is holy to shout, “Hosanna!”

**It is holy to remember.**

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

### **Blessing of the Palms**

### **Procession of the Palms & Gathering Song**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

L: Hosanna in the Highest!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

*Please be seated.*

### **Call to Confession**

The word ‘hosanna’ is often sung with joy and glee on this day. We process in, we wave palm branches, and it feels like a celebration. But the truth is, the word ‘hosanna’ actually means, “save us.” The people along that parade route so many years ago were crying out to Jesus for help, because they knew—this world is not as it should be. There is still too much hurt here. They were crying, “Save us!”

In the prayer of confession, we have our own hosanna moment, because we cry out to God, admitting the ways in which we have fallen short, and we ask for God’s saving hand.

So friends, let us pray together, for there is still too much hurt here.

### **Prayer of Confession (read responsively)**

God of street parades and hosannas,

**we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,  
to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,  
but so often we are silent.**

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,  
**so we don't say anything at all.**

We worry that we'll offend,  
**so we keep our convictions to ourselves.**

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,  
**so we stay silent.**

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.  
**Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.  
Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"**

Gratefully we pray, amen.

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

**All: We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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.**

### **Kyrie**

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### **Hymn of Praise – "Glory to God"**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

L: Holy God,

**All: sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us as we stand on the sidelines and try not to miss it! There are hundreds of things that catch our eye, but the thing we fear missing the most is you. So slow down the speed on this parade. Paint the colors of this world a little brighter. And dance through the words in our scripture passage until it is almost impossible for us to miss you there. God we are here. We are trying to pay attention. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Lenten Acclamation**

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**Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will

find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cassie Nault

**Hymn of the Day**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW #344

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Affirmation of Faith (Paraphrased from and inspired by Luke 19:28-40.)**

L: Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."

**All: We believe in a God of surprises. We believe in a God with a sense of humor. We believe that there are things we may never understand, but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.**

L: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**All: We believe in giving what we have. We believe that actions of generosity change us. We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.**

L: The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

**All: We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker. We believe in a God of good news. We believe**

**this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.**

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**All: We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous. We do not believe those voices will have the last word.**

L: “I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**All: We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** (Repeated response)

L: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering**

8:30 - “The Holy City” by Weatherly/Adams

Roger Steen & Ivan Konev

10:30 - “Hosanna” - Ligertwood

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Offering Prayer**

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

*You are welcome to be seated.*

**Communion Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

**Communion Blessing**



### **Prayer after Communion**

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—go in peace, full to the brim. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

ELW #346

### **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"God's work. Our hands."*

### This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Palm Sunday Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:15 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 – Cross of Glory Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory
	10:30 – Palm Sunday Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i>
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Men's Bible Study at Atonement
	1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement
	1pm – Fellowship Circle at Cross of Glory
	5:45 – Girl Scouts at Atonement
	6pm – Atonement Property Committee
	7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	1pm – Elizabeth Circle at Atonement
	6:30 - Atonement/Cross of Glory Councils/Parish Board Meeting
Thursday	9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement
	10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory
	1:00 – Game Day at Atonement
	6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory
	6:30 – Maundy Thursday Worship at Atonement
Friday	6:30 – Good Friday Worship at Cross of Glory
Saturday	Pastor's Day Off
	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	7:30 – Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory
	Youth Easter Pancake Breakfast following 7:30 service at Cross of Glory.
	No Sunday School/Youth Group
	10:30 – Easter Worship at Atonement
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

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**First Quarter Giving Statements** at both Atonement and Cross of Glory are available and can be picked up in the narthex of each church.

**There is no Sunday School** on Easter Sunday.

**Join us this week:**

*Maundy Thursday; 6:30pm at Atonement*

*Good Friday; 6:30pm at Cross of Glory*

*Easter Sunrise Service; 7:30am at Cross of Glory*

Youth Easter Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30am service at Cross of Glory.

*Easter Worship; 10:30am at Atonement*

**The Youth are hosting an Easter Pancake Breakfast** after the 7:30am Sunrise Service at Cross of Glory. Free will offering accepted and all proceeds will go towards a charity the youth select. Please join us for pancakes and fellowship.

**Crossroads Visioning Process Update** - We have "wrapped up" the **congregational listening portion** of our Visioning process. Pastor Justin Grimm and Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer led us through the process of "distilling" what we had learned in our listening process and getting us started on next steps. It was encouraging to hear how far we've come in just 3 years of our work together: what else is possible in our service to Jesus and our neighbor? We are looking forward to finding out! The next step in the process is to listen to the wider community: yes! We are to get out and speak to our neighbors OUTSIDE of the church. As you may already be aware, God's love, grace, and forgiveness are for the entire world--so surely that includes the neighborhoods surrounding Atonement & Cross of Glory. **If you are willing to help with this next step of listening to our neighbors, contact the church office--we could use the help!** *Have something to say but didn't get a chance to talk to your assigned listener? Contact the church office so we can set up a time for you to offer your thoughts.*

**Cross of Glory's 2022 Jumbo Sale** – Mark your calendars! The dates of the Jumbo Sale are Thursday - Saturday, July 28-30. The dates are slightly different this year due to calendar conflicts. There will be two planning meetings in May (May 12 & 26; 6pm). We hope you will join us to plan this year's Jumbo Sale! Watch for more information about collection dates.

**Feed My Starving Children Update** - It was gratifying for the Charitable Giving Team to see so many people from the whole parish, generous with their time, participate in the April 2 packaging of nutritious food – to be sent worldwide. The food consists of: rice, soy, vitamins, and dehydrated veggies. These were the eager participants: Fong Lee, Phyllis Kvitrud, Jon, Marie, Brianna, Stephanie, and Melanie Thomalla, Shannon Rosas, Tony Houfek, Ryan, Cheryl, and Ethan Lunde (plus 3 friends), Pete, Lindsey, Annika, and Leah Fabian (plus a friend), and Bonnie Anderson. It was a heart-warming experience! 74 boxes of packaged food were packed (by the

entire number of volunteers there that day), which is 15,984 meals. In addition, we presented a check for \$100 to Feed My Starving Children. Thanks so much from the Atonement Charitable Giving Team.

**Recent Fundraiser Updates** – The *Habitat for Humanity* Pancake Breakfast fundraiser held at Messiah Lutheran Church raised about \$2,500! Thanks to all who attended or donated. The recent *Ukraine fundraiser* sponsored by The Isles Ensemble, Women’s Club of Minneapolis and Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church raised over \$80,000 with the help of online contributions being kept open for several days after the event! Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

**Church Mail Boxes** – Please remember to check your church mailbox periodically for important updates and to keep them free from excessive clutter. Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone** who helped prepare food for our mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers and to all who participated and donated. It was wonderful to return to this traditional practice and to enjoy food & fellowship together as a parish.