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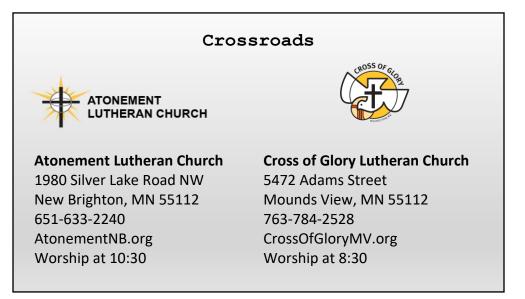
April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday Full to the Brim Lenten Series *"An expansive life"* 7:30 Sunrise Service at Cross of Glory 10:30 Worship at Atonement

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us.

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers

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	7:30	10:30
Ushers	Paul Reed, Jeff Olson	Carol Hoiby, TBD
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Nursery	TBD	TBD
COG Church Closer	TBD	NA



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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He Is Risen! He Is Risen...Indeed!

Order of Service for Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

7:30 - Procession of the Eternal Flame/Unveiling of the Cross

7:30 - Cross of Glory Choir Anthem "Agnus Dei" by Michael W. Smith

Words of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship (read responsively) This day is not like any other day. Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day. Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day. Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Gathering Song "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", vs. 1-3

ELW #365

Please be seated.

Call to Confession

Family of faith, it is our tradition to have a prayer of confession - not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet. So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of new life, we are a mixed bag.
We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.
We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again.
We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.
Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.
Break into our hearts.
Overflow here.
With hope we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, if there is life after death, then you can be certain there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you. You are forgiven, loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response.

All: Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia! 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	page 147 ELW
Hymn of Praise – "This is the Feast"	page 149 ELW
Prayer for Illumination	
L: Holy God,	
All: we so often long for more.	
We want more than the hamster wheel life	
of to-do lists and errands,	
meal prep and alarm clocks.	
We want more than comparison and competition.	
We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity.	
We want more than fear that leads to violence.	
We want a life that is teeming with alleluias.	
We want a life overcrowded with hope.	
We want a life congested with good news.	
We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness.	
We want a life bursting with laughter.	
We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away.	
So today we pray—	
break the dam.	
Dust the cobwebs from our ears.	
Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly.	
Speak to us as only you can.	
It's what we long for.	
We long for you.	
Gratefully we pray, amen.	
Please be seated.	

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the

message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.** *Please stand as you are able.* **Gospel Acclamation** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!", v. 1

ELW #369

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 The holy gospel according to Luke. All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went

in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Cassie Nault

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Affirmation of Faith (read responsively) We believe in a God who can astound us a God who created the mountains of Colorado, the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us an example of love for those on the fringes, healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded, mocked, and killed by the state. And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news. Death has lost its sting. We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.

Prayers of Intercession (Repeated response)L: Merciful God,All: receive our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering

7:30 - "In Christ Alone" 10:30 - "Anthem for Resurrection" arr. Althouse

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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

You are welcome to be seated.

Communion Hymns

7:30 - "God So Loved the World" by Steiner/Stickles "Come, Let Us Eat" "The Day of Resurrection!"

Roger Steen & Ivan Konev ELW #491 ELW #361

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Cross of Glory Choir Atonement Choir

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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

"Thine Is the Glory"

ELW #376

Dismissal L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	7:30 – Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory
	8:30 - Youth Easter Pancake Breakfast at Cross of Glory
	No Sunday School
	10:30 – Easter Worship at Atonement
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	Office Closed
	8am – Men's Bible Study
	1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement
	7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6:30 – Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30 – Confirmation
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	Pastor's Day Off
	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	Pastor's Day Off
	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:15 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory
	10:30 – Worship at Atonement
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

Please join us for an Easter Pancake Breakfast following the 7:30 service this morning at Cross of Glory. Many thanks to our youth and adult helpers for cooking and serving breakfast! Today's <u>free-will offering</u> from breakfast will be <u>donated to the Quincy House</u>, a local organization in Mounds View. Quincy House is dedicated to transforming lives by empowering teens to have hope for their future while providing unconditional love and guidance along the way.

The church office is closed Monday, April 18.

Reminder - There is no Sunday School today.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Lenten and Easter worship services beautiful! Many thanks to everyone who purchased plants to decorate our sanctuaries for Easter. You are welcome to take home your plant(s) after Easter service. <u>The plants are labeled with your names</u>.

First Communion - We rejoice today in being able to celebrate Holy Communion for the first time with Isaac Weatherly during the 10:30 service at Atonement!

Thank you to all who donated and helped with the Lenten Food Drive benefiting Ralph Reeder Food Shelf! Due to your generosity, the Crossroads Sunday School was able to gather 248 pounds of food to be donated to help feed our neighbors in need who are food insecure and struggling to make ends meet. A special thank you to Sunday School Teacher, Marilyn Goldsworthy for leading the efforts and to Jeff Olson for bringing the food over to Ralph Reeder. If you missed the food drive and would like to make a monetary donation, please visit Ralph Reeder Food Shelf's website at: www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org

Clean Up Day at Atonement – Mark Your Calendars! Atonement is having an indoor & outdoor clean up day Tuesday, May 9 from 3pm to dusk. There will be a list of projects that need to be done. Come when you can and bring your work gloves.

Spring Plant Sale Pick-Up is approaching fast. Mark your calendars if you ordered plants that pick- up will be at Cross of Glory on Friday, May 6 from 5:30-6:30pm.

Eggs, Chicks, & Bunnies...Oh My!! King's Kids Preschool is hosting magical entertainer, Brian Richards this week, Wednesday, April 20, 10:45am at Atonement. His original and creative magic show has an Easter season flavor full of interactive moments, unforgettable magic and hilarious humor. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Thank You from Atonement Member Una Solheim - *I* am healing from rehab and at home getting therapy for the next several weeks. Have missed you all! Thanks for your prayers, cards and letters. They have meant so much to me.

Summer Stretch is a week-long, locally-centered, multi-church, daily program for $5^{th} - 12^{th}$ graders. Summer Stretch offers unique opportunities to engage in both service and all-out fun with peers and trusted and safe volunteer leaders. Program dates this year are August 15-19. For more information: <u>https://incarnationmn.org/middle-school-summer-2022/</u>

Cross of Glory Jumbo Sale Planning Meetings – Join us May 12 & May 26 at 6pm to plan this year's Jumbo Sale to be held July 28-30. Everyone is welcome.