

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 18, 2022

8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory

10:30 Worship at Atonement

WELCOME!

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers

Pastor Cassie Nault; Deacon Brad Mills

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

Marilyn Goldsworthy, Cheryl Lunde & Dani Gow – Sunday School/Youth Group

	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	NA	Jim Nelson
Lector	Kolleen Olsen	Scott Carlson
Usher/Acolyte	Redding/Benson	Judy Hill
Greeter	Linda Thorson	Carol Tilden
Bread Baker	NA	Laurel Nelson
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Kolleen Olsen	Judy Hill
Communion Servers	Jaime & Claire Verkuilen	Scott Carlson, Jim Nelson
Counters	Jeanette Lundgren, Linda Thorson	Tony Houfek, Sally Kline
Nursery	Dani Gow	TBD
Coffee Setup/Cleanup	Janice Wikstrom	NA
COG Closer	Bob Reed	NA

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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

Order of Service

Words of Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

“Hope Waits for Us at Advent” (vs 4) – Udis-Kessler

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

All: Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

All: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

ELW 263

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 be to God”

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Deacon Brad Mills

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Please stand as you are able.

We Are Not Alone

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

8:30 - “Celtic Advent Carol”

Cross of Glory Choir

10:30 – “Savior” – Hart

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

*Today we celebrate that four of our young people will receive Communion for the first time:
Jillian Emerson, Helena & Iva Mills and Sam Nault.
Please be seated.*

Communion Hymns

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW 242

“People, Look East”

ELW 248

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs 1-3)

ELW 631

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

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	8:30 - Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth 10:30 - Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	Office Closed 8am – Men's Bible Study 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30pm – Worship at Atonement – Longest Night/Blue Christmas
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	Office Closed 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 5pm – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 6:30 – Faith and a Pint – Torg Brewery
Saturday	Christmas Eve 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 3:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 5:30 – Worship at Atonement
Sunday	Christmas Day – no worship

The church offices will be closed Monday, December 19 and Friday, December 23.

First Communion - We rejoice today in being able to celebrate Holy Communion for the first time with Jillian Emerson, Helena & Iva Mills and Sam Nault.

Prayerfully Consider Being on Council - Please contact any council member at Atonement or Cross of Glory if you are interested in being nominated or would like more information.

Camp Wapo Registration Coordinator and/or Sweet Roll Coordinator Needed – If you can help with registration for Camp Wapo and/or coordinating the Sweet Roll Sunday fundraiser, please let Dawn Saros-Kirk, Pastor Cassie or Deacon Brad know.

Faith and a Pint – Monthly Fellowship Group – Friday, December 23, 6:30pm, meet at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park, 8421 University Ave NE. All ages welcome! Blue Sun Soda and other non-alcoholic options served. A social get together! Come talk about faith, the world and your life while sipping a craft brew or beverage with your friends. Bring a few bucks and check out their tap selection at <https://torgbrewery.com/>

King’s Kids Preschool is looking for donations of extra snow pants to use for children who forgot their snow pants for outside time. They could also use a couple diaper changing mats. Any donations can be left at either church office. Thank you!

Mini Boutique Today & Christmas Eve - Thank you for shopping at Atonement’s Holidale Mini Boutique. Remember those on your list with a thoughtful gift from a variety of items. Place your check to “Atonement Boutique” or cash in Virginia Cahow’s church mailbox. Please write the amount of your purchase on the envelope. Donations collected will be given to Atonement’s parking lot fund. Thank you for your support!

Camp Wapo Summer Staff – Do you know a young adult who would make a great camp counselor or canoe guide? The 2023 summer staff application is now available. Please share this incredible opportunity with any young adults in your life. Working at a camp is a great way to add value to any college or grad school application or future job resume. Working at camp helps young adults build important life skills, develop as leaders, make lifelong friends and create memories that last forever. Follow this link to apply: <https://lakewapo.org/employment/>



December 21 at 6:30 – Longest Night Service at Atonement
Christmas Eve – 3:30 at Cross of Glory; 5:30 at Atonement
Christmas Day – No worship service
New Year’s Day - Sunday, January 1
9:30am at Cross of Glory