

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
3:30 Candlelight Worship at Cross of Glory
5:30 Candlelight Worship at Atonement

WELCOME!

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers

Pastor Cassie Nault; Deacon Brad Mills

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	3:30	5:30
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**ATONEMENT
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Worship at 10:30



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Worship at 8:30

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Christmas Eve Worship Service

3:30 Prelude “Jingle Bells”

Helena Mills

5:30 Prelude “Skating” & “Amazing Grace”

Ethan Lunde

Words of Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

3:30 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Cross of Glory Choir

5:30 “Hope Waits for Us at Advent” (vs 4)

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

God of life,

**All: you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283

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.

Hymn of Praise

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and

godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

“Canticle of the Turning” (vs 1)

ELW 723

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these

words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“The First Noel” (vs 1-3)

ELW 300

Please stand as you are able.

Apostles’ Creed

**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

L: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

3:30 "All Is Well"

Cross of Glory Choir

5:30 "On Christmas Night" (vs 1-3)

ELW 274

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory that beholding the god made visible, we may be drawn to the god whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs 1)

ELW 289

In this night filled with wonder and awe, we give you thanks for sending your son Jesus, who when his time came opened his arms on the cross to all your creatures. On the very night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

So now let us, gathered into one body the world over, pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

ELW 272

“Away in a Manger”

ELW 277

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Christ the Light of the World

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW 276

As the light passes, tip the unlit candle to the flame to avoid dripping hot wax. Individual candles will be lit as we listen to the music; after all the candles are lit, the worship leaders will return to the front of the sanctuary and we will sing together.

Hymn

3:30 “Silent Night, Holy Night!” (vs 1-3)

ELW 281

5:30 “Infant Holy/Silent Night – arr. Haugen

Atonement Choir

Congregation joins on vs 1-3 of “Silent Night” ELW 281

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267

Extinguish candles – do not tip them until the wax has cooled.

Place them in the box in the back of the sanctuary as you exit.

Dismissal

L: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

The artwork on tonight’s bulletins is provided to us by the Sunday School & Youth Group. Thank you for joining us and to everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas Eve worship services beautiful.

Merry Christmas!

Join us at 9:30am on New Year’s Day at Cross of Glory.