

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



January 1, 2023
New Year's Day
First Sunday of Christmas
9:30 Worship at Cross of Glory

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

	9:30
Worship Assistant	NA
Lector	Monika Cook
Usher/Acolyte	Leslie Bjork
Greeter	Linda Radtke
Bread Baker	NA
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Jeff & Roberta Olson
Communion Servers	Becky Redding, Gwen Lentsch
Counters	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed
Nursery	TBD
Coffee Setup/Cleanup	Jeanne Boyle
COG Closer	TBD

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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

Order of Service

Words of Welcome

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. **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. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

"What Child Is This"

ELW 296

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: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 2:13-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and

his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“He Came Down”

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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 of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

"The Birthday is a King" by W. H. Neidlinger

Roger Steen & Ivan Konev

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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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

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"Once in Royal David's City"

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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.**

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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Dismissal

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

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	Happy New Year! 9:30 - Worship at Cross of Glory No Sunday School 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	Office Closed 8am – Men’s Bible Study 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	King’s Kids Preschool Classes Resume 6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Atonement 6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Thursday	10am – Prayer Shawls Plus at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 5pm – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Worship at Atonement 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i>

The church offices will be closed Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year’s Day.

Prayerfully Consider a Nomination for Council – Council meets once a month, typically the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, rotating between Cross of Glory and Atonement. There is a short meeting between both councils followed by individual council meetings. It’s a fun opportunity to become involved with decision making and creating new opportunities while helping to unite our churches. Please contact any council member, Pastor Cassie or Deacon Brad

if you are interested in being nominated or would like more information. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*

Camp Wapo Registration Coordinator Needed – This position coordinates the registration of campers and serves as the Camp Wapo contact. Registration is done online so it's sharing the information about registration details and meeting the deadlines. When Sweet Roll fundraising is complete, you would disperse the funds between campers who participated.

Sweet Roll Coordinator Needed – We are looking for someone to coordinate the schedule for Sweet Roll Sundays. You would create the Sweet Roll Sunday schedule and post a signup sheet for families to sign up.

ABCD Meets Tomorrow at 1pm – The ABCD book discussion will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, January 2 at 1:00pm. We will discuss ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*** by Kate DiCamillo. In February we will discuss ***Force of Nature*** by C. J. Box. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring a mask and your own beverage.

King's Kids Preschool classes resume Tuesday, January 3.

Crossroads Sunday School and Youth Group resume next Sunday, January 8.

Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29. There will be **one worship service** at 9:30 at Cross of Glory.

Atonement's Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5. There will be **one worship service** at 9:30 at Atonement.