

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



January 8, 2023
Epiphany of Our Lord
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	Andrea Weatherly
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Communion Servers	Gretchen Davis, Linda Radtke	Andrea Weatherly
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Coffee Setup/Cleanup	Janice Wikstrom	NA
COG Closer	Dani Gow	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

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

"Shall We Gather at the River" (vs. 1-3)

ELW 423

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 God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of

your 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (vs. 1-4)

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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

8:30 "Intermezzo" from The Nutcracker by P. Tchaikovsky

Ivan Konev

10:30 "Borning Cry" - John Ylvisaker

Atonement Choir

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

“Spirit of Gentleness”

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“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW 445

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

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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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.

Annual Meetings/Combined Worship Services

Cross of Glory Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29

9:30 worship at Cross of Glory

Atonement Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 5

9:30 worship at Atonement

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 Group at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Men’s Bible Study 1pm – Fellowship Circle at Cross of Glory 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee 7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	1pm – Elizabeth Circle at Atonement
Wednesday	3:30 – KKP Board Meeting 6:30 – ALC/COG Councils at Atonement
Thursday	9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle 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
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Prayerfully Consider a Nomination for Council – Please contact any council member, Pastor Cassie or Deacon Brad if you are interested.

Camp Wapo Registration Coordinator Needed – This position coordinates the registration of campers and serves as the Camp Wapo contact. **Sweet Roll Coordinator Needed** – This position coordinates the schedule for Sweet Roll Sundays. Contact any staff member if interested.