

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sermon Series: "Church, we gotta come together"
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

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	9:30	
Worship Assistant	NA	
Lector	Gretchen Davis	
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Greeter	Linda Thorson	
Bread Baker	NA	
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Jeanne Boyle	
Communion Servers	Gretchen Davis, Linda Radtke	
Counters	COG: Bob Reed, Jeanette Lundgren	ALC: Sally Kline, Royce King
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COG Closer	Dani Gow	

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Atonement Lutheran Church

1980 Silver Lake Road NW

New Brighton, MN 55112

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AtonementNB.org

Worship at 10:30



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

5472 Adams Street

Mounds View, MN 55112

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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, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

ELW 717

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

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" (vs. 1 & 4)

ELW 314

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

L: ¹⁰Lord, who may abide in your tent?

All: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

L: ²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

All: and speak the truth from their heart;

L: ³who do not slander with their tongue,

All: and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

L: ⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;

All: who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

L: ⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Brad Mills

Hymn of the Day

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

ELW 710

Please stand as you are able.

New Member Welcome

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: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" from Beethoven's 9th Symphony/arr. T. Wilhelmi Ivan Konev

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW 754

“When the Poor Ones”

ELW 725

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW 551

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us this morning.

**Atonement’s Congregational Meeting
Combined Worship Service - Next Sunday**
9:30 worship at Atonement
10:30 Atonement Semi-Annual Meeting
Youth pancake breakfast served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 - Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 - Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Cross of Glory Annual Meeting/Pancake Breakfast 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Men’s Bible Study 7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Thursday	Groundhog Day – <i>Will it see it’s shadow?</i> 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
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Atonement 10:30 – Atonement Congregational Meeting/Pancake Breakfast 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

Cross of Glory’s Annual Meeting is today, immediately following service. Please stay in the sanctuary for the meeting.

Pancake Breakfast Today - The Youth are providing a pancake breakfast following service for those not attending the meeting and then again after the annual meeting.

Sweet Roll Sunday sign-up is posted on the bulletin board by Cross of Glory’s kitchen. If you would like to receive a portion of the fundraiser for Camp Wapo costs, please be sure to sign up. Questions? Contact Becky Redding (redding1523@comcast.net).

Registration for Camp Wapo is open! Seeds Camp - July 21-23; Youth Camp - July 23-28. An email went out with details and the sign up link. Questions? Contact Carol Gaylor (clh@usfamily.net).