

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sermon Series: "Church, we gotta come together"
9:30 Worship at Atonement

WELCOME!

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers

Pastor Cassie Nault; Deacon Brad Mills

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	9:30	
Worship Assistant	Wayne Haselhorst	
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Communion Setup/Cleanup	Judy Hill	
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COG Closer	NA	

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Atonement Lutheran Church

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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

"Gather Us In" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

ELW 532

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: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Reading: Isaiah 58:8-12

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 112:1-10

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**⁶For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

“Christ, Be Our Light” (vs. 1, 3-5)

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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: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering & Music

“Rejoice, Be Glad” – Williams

Atonement Choir

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, Come! For We Invite You”

ELW 312

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

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

“Thy Strong Word” (vs. 1-3)

ELW 511

Dismissal

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

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	9:30 - Worship at Atonement
	10:30 – Atonement Congregational Meeting/Pancake Breakfast
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
	1pm – Recital at Cross of Glory
Monday	8am – Men's Bible Study
	1pm – ABCD at Atonement
	6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
	7pm – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6:30 – Cub Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30 – Councils meet at Cross of Glory
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	10:30 – Charitable Giving
	5pm – Child Care Night at Cross of Glory
	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 – <i>Prayer Ministers available</i>
	12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

Atonement's Congregational 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 meeting.

The church offices will be closed this Wednesday, February 8.

Readers Needed for Mid-Week Lenten Skit – We need 5-6 people (youth and adults) who would like to help with a Lenten skit on Jonah during our mid-week Lenten services. Each script is only about 10 minutes and no memorization is needed. Contact Deacon Brad if you are interested.

Parents Night Out – Child Care Event THIS Friday – The Youth Group is hosting another Child-Care Night at Cross of Glory this Friday, February 10 from 5-8pm for children ages 3 and up. You must sign-up to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at both churches. Drop off your children for a fun evening of games and crafts. Dinner will also be served.

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).

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).

ABCD Meets Tomorrow at 1 pm - The Atonement Book Club Daytime book discussion will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, February 6 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss ***Force of Nature* by Jane Harper**. In March we will discuss ***The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan**. 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.

Save the Date – Intergenerational Camping Trip – Invite your friends and family to join us at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground June 9-11 for a fun weekend outdoors. Just come for the day if you want to sleep at home. Please see the February newsletter for more details and watch for more information.