

CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Pastor Cassie Nault & Deacon Brad Mills
8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory
10:45 Worship at Atonement



**WELCOME TO
CROSSROADS**
Crossroads55112.org



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
763-784-2528
CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Atonement Lutheran Church
1980 Silver Lake Road NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-2240
AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator
Ivan Konev - Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen, Jon Thomalla - Audio-Visual
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School

Deacon Brad Mills
Shannon Rosas – Minister of Music
Diane Lightbody - Accompanist
Tony Houfek, Alice Sponholz - Audio-Visual
Dani Gow - Youth Group

	8:30	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	TBD	Wayne Haselhorst
LECTOR	Gretchen Davis	Andrea Weatherly
USHER/ACOLYTE	Melanie Thomalla	Judy Hill
GREETER	Jeanne Boyle	Virginia Cahow
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Roberta & Jeff Olson	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Jaime & Claire Verkuilen	Wayne Haselhorst
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Jason Emerson	Gwen Blomseth, Royce King
COG CLOSER	TBD	NA

We acknowledge that we gather as Atonement and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches on the traditional land of the Wahpekute, a band of the Dakota and one of the seven groups of Oceti Sakowin, translated as “the Seven Councils Fire”, also referred to as the Great Sioux Nation as well as Anishinaabe people and other indigenous nations who have called this land home. We further acknowledge that both the State of Minnesota and the United States Government carried out genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced removal and broken promises against indigenous people as a way to acquire land. This calls us to commit to learning how to be better stewards of the land and to support indigenous communities.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The singing bowl invites us into a time of quiet reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross", vv. 1-4

ELW 335

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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.

READING: NUMBERS 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

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GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lift High the Cross”, vv. 1-3

ELW 660

Please stand as you are able.

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostles’ Creed”.

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: Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

SHARING OF PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING & MUSIC

8:30 "Intermezzo in A Major" by J. Brahms

Ivan Konev

10:45 "Cross of Jesus" - Benson

Atonement Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father....

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"There in God's Garden", vv. 1-4

ELW 342

"Bread of Life from Heaven", vv. 1-5

ELW 474

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”, vv. 1-4

ELW 779

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for spending time with us this morning.

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 at Cross of Glory
10:45 – Worship at Atonement – *Prayer Ministers*
12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
- Monday **8am – Bible Study Connection Group at Atonement**
1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
6pm – Atonement Property Committee
6:30 – Jumbo Sale Planning Meeting at Cross of Glory
- Tuesday **11am – Mall Walking at Rosedale**
12:30 – Cross of Glory Fellowship Circle offsite
6pm – Puzzles Connection Group at Atonement
- Wednesday 4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory
5:30 – Soup Supper at Cross of Glory
6:30 – Midweek Lenten Worship at Cross of Glory
Yoga with Deacon Brad after service
- Thursday 9:30 – Mary-Elizabeth Circle at Atonement
10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory
1pm – Game Day at Atonement
4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory
- Friday 10am – Visitation of Atonement
11am – Memorial Service at Atonement
5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
- Saturday 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
10am – Winter Wonderland/Crokinole at Atonement
- Sunday *St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green!*
8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory
10:45 – Worship at Atonement
12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Mary Billington and her family as they mourn their loss of Wally. Wally's memorial service will be at Atonement Friday, March 15 at 11am. There will be a visitation at 10am.

REMINDERS:

- Join us this Wednesday at Cross of Glory at 6:30 for our midweek Lenten service. Soup supper served at 5:30.
- New Member Sunday is March 24. Please contact Dawn in either church office to get a membership form: Email - dawn@crossroads55112.org or call 763-784-2528 at Cross of Glory or 651-633-2240 at Atonement. There are also some forms in the back of the guest book if you'd like to take one.

CROSS OF GLORY SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED! Please sign up in the narthex to help with the last two soup suppers of Lent.

JUMBO SALE PLANNING MEETING – The Jumbo Sale is having a planning meeting tomorrow night, March 11 at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory. All are welcome to join us.

WEAR YOUR KILT (or if you don't have a kilt, just wear the color green) for a little fun on St. Patrick's Day next Sunday, March 17.

GERTENS SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER – Be sure to go out to the ordering site early so you are sure to get the plants you want. Go to gertensfundraising.com and **enter Store ID 960**. During the checkout process you can enter **Atonement** or **Cross of Glory** to support either church budget. The deadline to order is Monday, April 1 at 10pm. Pickup is Wednesday, May 15 from 6-8pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 23, 3-4pm at Cross of Glory

Come join us for a combined church, classic egg hunt outdoors! This is open to anyone in our community. There will be candy, special egg with a golden ticket, snacks and crafts available.

EASTER DINNER RAFFLE - purchase a raffle ticket for \$3 each or 2 for \$5 for a chance to win a complete Easter Dinner (4-5# ham, potatoes, vegetable, bagged salad, buns). Drawing will be held immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt. Need not be present to win.

SWEET ROLL SUNDAYS begin next Sunday at Cross of Glory. Purchase a sweet roll for \$2. Bring a couple home. All proceeds go towards camperships for kids going to Camp Wapo this summer. Thanks for your support!

MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH – Please bring non-perishable foods to Atonement (wooden collection boxes) or Cross of Glory (grocery cart). Needed items are: canned chili, soup or tuna, canned fruit or vegetables, rice mixes, crackers, nuts, cereal, flour or oil, Tuna or Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, salsa and laundry detergent. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark them "Food Shelf". Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion Sunday – March 24

Maundy Thursday – March 28 at Christ the King, 6:30pm

Good Friday – March 29 at Atonement, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday – Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory; 7:30am

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Cross of Glory following service

Easter Service at Atonement; 10:45am

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, a time to celebrate the presence, achievements and contributions of women throughout history and to advocate for gender equality.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM – Ramsey County community members are invited to join a free, year-long diabetes prevention program that begins Monday, April 8 at 6pm. All sessions will be in-person at Ramsey County Library – Shoreview. You and fellow community members will learn how to:

Move your body through daily fitness.

Eat well on a budget.

Control your sugar intake.

During the first 16 weeks of the program, participants will meet with fellow community members once a week for one hour. After that, participants will meet twice a month. Family members are invited to attend.

As a participant, you will:

Learn about foods that can help reverse diabetes.

Access healthy, quick and low-cost recipes for your whole family to enjoy.

Gain a sense of community to help you succeed and reach your goals.

Have all the resources you need to be empowered to live your healthiest life.

Go to the ramseycounty.us – Residents – Health & Medical – Public Health Initiatives – Diabetes Prevention

CULTURE AND DANCE: NATIVE PRIDE PRODUCTIONS – Saturday, March 23 from 10:30 – 11:30am at Ramsey County Library – Roseville. Showcasing Cultural dance as part of a series, this performance brings the power and beauty of Native American dance and storytelling to life. Feel the beat of the drum, experience the hypnotizing power of dance and enjoy the rhythm of the music as we share the cultural history, traditions, ways, beliefs and spiritual importance of Indigenous peoples.