

CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



March 17, 2024
Fifth 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	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork	Bonnie Anderson
GREETER	Linda Thorson	Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Linda Radtke	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Leslie Bjork, Gretchen Davis	Carreen Houfek
COUNTERS	Jason Emerson, Roger Steen	Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline
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

We are gathered in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost:

I invite us to a time of quiet reflection (singing bowl invites us to silence)

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

God does forgive us and makes us new. May we feel the warm sunlight of God's love in our hearts this day and always. We are blessed to bless others. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken", vv. 1-3

ELW 556

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.

KYRIE

"In Christ Alone", v. 1 – Getty/Getty

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

From mist and darkness from restful waters, God gathers us. From health and sickness from plenty and poverty, God gathers us. From highroads and byways from fields and cities, God gathers us. To a feast, a banquet, to life eternal, God gathers us.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Brad Mills

READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

page 125 ELW

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Canticle of the Turning”, vv. 1-4

ELW 723

Please stand as you are able.

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

A CELTIC CREED

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

(page 38 of the current Iona Abbey Worship Book (Wild Goose Publications))

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 "The Carpenter"

10:45 "Let All Things Now Living", vv. 1-2

Cross of Glory Choir

ELW 881

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is", vv. 1-4

ELW 502

"Be Thou My Vision", vv. 1-4

ELW 793

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.

IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

SENDING HYMN

"O Christ the Same", vv. 1-3

WOV 778

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 12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Bible Study Connection Group at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
Tuesday	11am – Mall Walking at Rosedale 6pm – Puzzles Connection Group at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	5:30 – Soup Supper at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Midweek Lenten Worship at Cross of Glory 7pm – Council Meetings at Cross of Glory Yoga with Deacon Brad after service
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory
Friday	9:30 – Noon – New Birth at Cross of Glory 4:30 – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 10am – Crokinole at Atonement 3:00 – 4:00pm – Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Glory
Sunday	<i>Passion Sunday/New Member Sunday</i> 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>12:30 – Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

REMINDERS:

- Join us this Wednesday for the last midweek Lenten service at Cross of Glory at 6:30. Soup supper served at 5:30.
- **New Member Sunday is next Sunday, March 24.** Please email Dawn in either church office to get a membership form at: dawn@crossroads55112.org.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Both Atonement and Cross of Glory will hold a special congregational meeting after each service **Sunday, April 28** to vote on including a welcome statement into our bylaws in both constitutions. A copy of the welcome statement is in the narthex of both churches and was also emailed to everyone.

CROSS OF GLORY SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED! Thanks to those who signed up for this week. We still need helpers for March 20, the last soup supper in Lent. Thank you!

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. There are also some printed flyers available you can hand out to friends, family & neighbors. Go to gertensfundraising.com and enter Store ID 960, then Cross of Glory OR Atonement in Seller Name at checkout.

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. If anyone is available to help, please let Dawn or Deacon Brad know.

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 SUNDAY TODAY 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!

CROSSROADS SUMMER CAMP SMASH – Enrollment begins March 18th for a weekly summer camp at Atonement for ages 33 months to 5 years. Register for one week or all 9 weeks. For more information or to register, email Preschool@AtonementLutheran-NB.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion Sunday/New Member 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 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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.

MINNESOTA SOLAR: SAVING GREEN BY GOING GREEN – In-person at White Bear Lake Library, Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm. A Residential Solar Project Developer will speak about solar energy options for homeowners. Also available to watch via Zoom. Preregister at: <https://bit.ly/NEMCA0327>

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