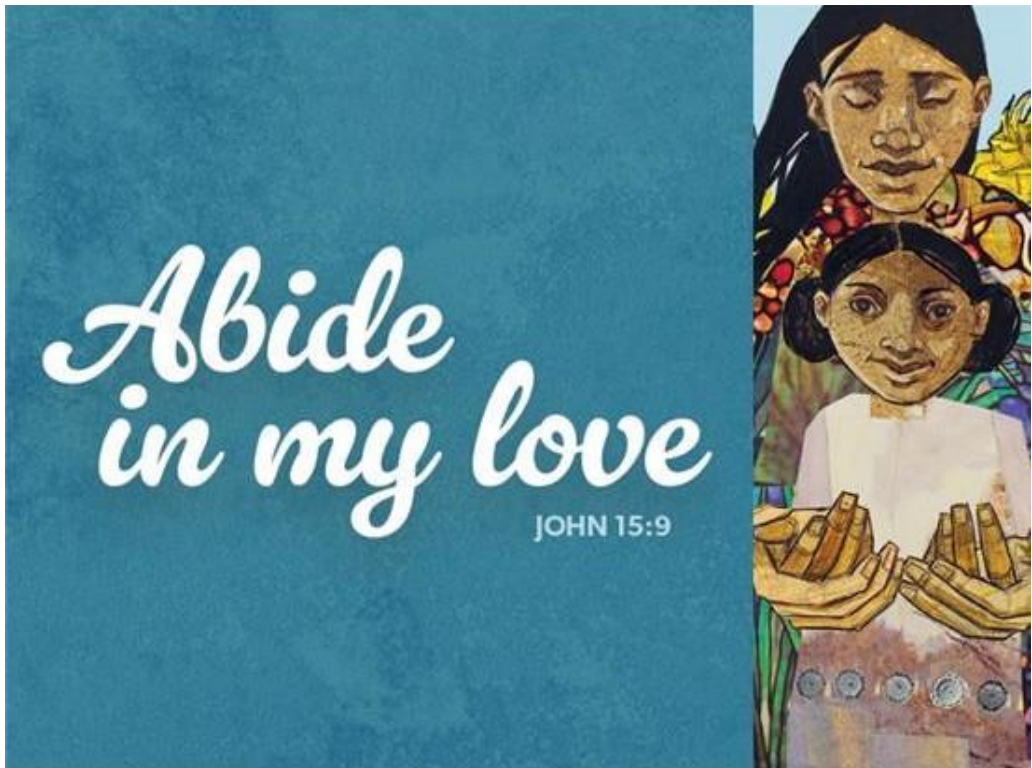


CROSSROADS  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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



**Cristo Rey**  
Pastora Ana Becerra  
Worship in Spanish  
Sundays at Noon

**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

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	Jennifer Schneider
LECTOR	Kolleen Olsen	Vicki Klaers
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Thorson	Judy Hill
GREETER	Paula Reed	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Jason Emerson	Tony Houfek, 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.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING HYMN

"I Come with Joy" vv. 1-2, 4-5

ELW 482

## 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

"Jesus Loves Me" v. 1

ELW 595

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**All: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which**

**exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

CATECHISM MOMENT – THE 9<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT

Deacon Brad Mills

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

page 142 ELW

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ There Is No East or West” vv. 1-4

ELW 650

*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 (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father...**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music:

8:30 "In the Garden"

10:45 "The Commission"

Gretchen Davis & Roger Steen  
Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" vv. 1-3

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement 12:30pm - Faith Community Church at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement 1pm – ABCD Book Discussion at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30pm – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory
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	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 7pm – Kitchen Kut Ups Performance 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 at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement <u>12:30 - Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

MINISTER OF MUSIC FAREWELL - Our Minister of Music, Shannon Rosas, has announced that she is leaving her position at Atonement at the end of May. We will have a farewell celebration for Shannon following the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate her many years of service here and to wish her well. Shannon wrote in her letter to our council *"I've been in this role for 12 and a half years, since September of 2011, and I've enjoyed my years here. I've created incredible relationships, grown my family, and relied on members here for countless hours of support, musical and otherwise. It has made a profound impact on my life."* Please join us in saying a farewell blessing for Shannon and her daughters in the worship service on **May 19th** and join us afterward for the time of fellowship. Thanks be to God for the beautiful music Shannon has helped us make together!

THANKS to Gretchen Davis for filling in for Ivan today at Cross of Glory!

ABCD MEETS TOMORROW AT 1:00PM - The **Atonement Book Club Daytime** book discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Monday, May 6 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss ***The Forest of Vanishing Stars*** by Kristin Harmel. On June 3 we will discuss ***Icy Sparks*** by Gwyn Hyman Rubio. 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.

BIBLE JUNK BOOK JOURNALING – Participants of the Bible Junk Book Journaling group that met during Lent have decided to continue with the group beginning this **Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 at Cross of Glory**. No artistic skills are needed. We go over the bible lesson for the next Sunday and then decorate or journal on a page in whatever way you want to while having fun conversation. Come check it out! Everyone is welcome.

KITCHEN KUT UPS PRESENTS “Who Wrote the Book of Love”, a free one-hour variety show featuring songs, costumes, and skits this **Friday, May 10 at Atonement, 7pm**. Refreshments will follow the show. All are welcome!

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS are in your church mailboxes. Please take a moment to pick yours up.

WELCOME STATEMENT VOTE – The vote passed at both Atonement and Cross of Glory. Thank you to everyone who voted!

PLANT SALE PICKUP DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Plant sale pickup day is **Wednesday, May 15th from 6-8pm**. We need volunteers that afternoon (3-6pm) to help sort the plant orders and to help distribute them from 6-8pm. Contact the church office if you can help.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS – Order forms are available if you'd like to help decorate our altars for Pentecost, May 19. **The deadline to order is Sunday, May 12**. Plants are \$16 and can be taken home after Pentecost service for your deck or garden.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS - The next session in the Spring Growing Through Loss series is **Monday, May 6** at Christ the King in New Brighton. The topic is “Recalibrating Your Life After Loss” and begins at 7pm with registration beginning at 6:45pm. Brochures with more information are in the narthex.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to build an indoor garden table for King's Kids Preschool. 3'L x 4.5"W x 9"D x 2.5"H, no castors, holes in bottom for drainage, plastic tray underneath to catch water. Please contact Lisa Altomari if you can help at [mlcaltomari@gmail.com](mailto:mlcaltomari@gmail.com).

KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL LOOKING FOR donations of loose parts, bolts, spools, scrap wood, washers, buttons, etc. for craft projects. Contact Lisa Altomari with questions at [mlcaltomari@gmail.com](mailto:mlcaltomari@gmail.com).