

CROSSROADS

Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



The good news is...great love for God and neighbor

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent



CROSSROADS PARISH



**Proud to be a Reconciling
In Christ Community**

Three Churches, One Big Community In Faith. All Are Welcome



**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

Atonement Lutheran Church

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

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

Pastora Ana Becerra
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Servicio en Español al mediodía

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault
Pastora Ana Becerra
Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School
Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

Deacon Brad Mills
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator
Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual
Dani Gow – Youth Group

	8:30	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	NA
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Virginia Cahow
GREETER	Jeanne Boyle	Carol Tilden
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Paula Reed/Jeff Olson	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Leslie Bjork, Shelly Markham	Scott Carlson, Lorna Schultz
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis	Bruce Jahnke, Royce King

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

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

10:45 Only - LENTEN THEME SONG "Improbable" – Lyrics and music by Britt Kusserow

TRINITY CHIMES

The singing bowl rings out 3 times to remind us we are gathered in the name of the Triune God.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed.

All: Prayer of confession Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear

get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

**All: We are seen.
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

OPENING HYMN

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

ELW 335

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All: Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions.
Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we
long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.**

Please be seated.

“This Little Light of Mine” v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward while we sing.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Deacon Brad Mills

“This Little Light of Mine” v. 2

As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.

READING: LUKE 7:36.50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus^[a] to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. ³⁷And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” ⁴¹“A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus^[b] said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” ⁴⁸Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹But those

who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:35-40

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” vv. 1-5

ELW 659

CREED

Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together.

All: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

**It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.
And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who**

welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REMINDER OF GOD'S PEACE – *During cold & flu season, we refrain from sharing a sign of peace.*

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "For the Beauty of the Earth" vv. 1, 4 & 5

ELW 879

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us now pray the Lord's Prayer in whatever language is most familiar.

All: Our Father...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

During the season of Lent, we receive wafers for communion as the symbol of preparation. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There is wine which is red in color and white grape juice in the center. At Cross of Glory, communion is received standing or kneeling at the altar. At Atonement, there are baskets at the end of each aisle for empty communion cups.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let us Break Bread Together” vv. 1-3

ELW 471

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People” vv. 1-3

ELW 469

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won’t, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Beautiful Things” vv. 1-3

ACS 925

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6pm/6:30pm – Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	5:30 – Soup Supper at Atonement 6:30 – Midweek Lenten Worship at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
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 10am – FCC at Atonement 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement</u>

PLEASE JOIN US at Atonement this Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30pm for soup supper and mid-week Lenten service at 6:30pm.

SPRING FORWARD – Don't forget to set you clocks ahead one hour, next Sunday, March 8 as we return to Daylight Savings Time.

CROSSROADS SPRING PLANT SALE – Ordering is open until 10pm on Monday, April 6. We cannot accept late orders. Order early as some items have limited quantities. Pick up day will be Wednesday, May 13 from 2pm – 6pm at Cross of Glory. See Dawn if you need help with ordering.

EASTER flowers can be ordered now to help beautify our sanctuaries for Easter Sunday. This year, we will offer Easter Lilies to purchase, as usual, however due to allergies, they will not be displayed in the sanctuary. You can pick up Lilies before Easter and the rest of the plants can be picked up right after Easter service.

CAN YOU HELP? We are really in need of more Sunday morning ministry assistants: Lectors, Worship Assistants, Ushers, Communion Setup/Cleanup, Communion Servers and Counters. Even if we could get 2 new people for each position, it would help with scheduling so much! It's flexible, you can trade with others or let us know when you are unavailable. Please consider volunteering and sign up in the narthex. *Thank you from Becky Redding, Dawn Saros-Kirk and Carol Hoiby.*

CROSSROADS VBS? We are gauging interest to see if there are enough volunteers to coordinate and host a Crossroads VBS this summer? Sign up in the narthex if you are interested.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Mark your calendars for our Good Friday morning Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Glory at 10am. Volunteers are needed that morning to help assemble treat bags, hide eggs and general help. Just show up at 9am that morning if you can help. *Candy donations are needed too.*

ABCD MEETS TOMORROW AT 1:00PM - The Atonement Book Club Daytime discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, March 2 at 1:00pm. We will discuss *The Small and the Mighty* by Sharon McMahan. On April 6 we will discuss *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. People from Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.

BWCA BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP - August 12-16th, 2026 - We have secured 1 permit for 9 people for entry #16 Moose/Portage River North up to the Boundary Waters on an intergenerational adventure trip! **When:** August 12th, we will leave in the evening at 6pm and arrive at Grace Lutheran in Ely, MN and spend the night in the church basement. We will be on trail 3 full days and then come off water Sunday morning August 16th and arrive home around dinner time. **Contact Deacon Brad to sign up.**

Who: Intergenerational trip, all ages welcome however if under 6th grade an accompanying adult is required.

Where: Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Ely, MN

Cost: \$375 Approximate depending on group sizes.

Register: Sign up and put down a \$50 deposit by June 30th

Bring: Full pack list will be coming but you will need your own sleeping bag & pad, canoe pack (rental available), clothes, tent, personal plate/spoon/cup set, and LifeStraw water filter bottle.

Provided: Church will provide (with help of outfitting) Kevlar canoe, paddle, all food and camp kitchen, maps, permits and legal documents, and leadership/canoe guide (on over a dozen group trips). We will also provide spirituality content, first word, bible study, prayer and more.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NOTIFICATION – Cross of Glory former member, Jocelyn Daneizen passed away. Her family is having a memorial service on Friday, March 6 at Summit Funeral Home, 6415 Carmen Ave E, Inver Grove Heights 55076. Memorial service at 1:30 followed by lunch.

THRIVENT ACTION GRANT - Do you have a Thrivent Financial product, policy, or account? Did you know you are eligible for a \$250 grant every year? Please contact the church office if you have a Thrivent account and would like to use your action team grant towards outreach in our church community as we are assembling a list of all members with Thrivent action grants.

ROOTED & RESTORED: WAPO MEN'S RETREAT – Sign up in the narthex for the Wapo Men's Retreat which is led by a talented Bible Study and Worship leader along with their retreat staff. Come for a fun weekend to recharge. There will be lots of time for fun and games as well as time for some serious relaxing. **Friday, May 1 at 5pm to Sunday, May 3 at noon** for ages 18+. Cost is \$200. (Register by April 1st to get 10% off). Register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/recharge-wapo-mens-retreat/>

Artist's Statement for Cover Art

LL Cool J by Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Luke 7:36-50; 12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

Ladies love Cool Jesus. For real. Women absolutely loved Jesus, and the woman with the alabaster jar is a great example of that. Who else shows up to an event unannounced with expensive oils to not only anoint someone's feet but to then offer their tears and use their hair to wipe the feet clean? I don't think people comprehend the drama within that part of the story. This was an act of love, admiration, and prophecy. To me, this interpretation of the story gives the woman the attention she deserves.

Several aspects of the piece are deconstructed, such as the woman's head and the foot of Jesus, both detached from bodies. I intentionally emphasize these elements to not distract us from the core of the story. The woman was intimately entwined with the feet of Jesus, her hair entangled with his leg. She released tears that would nourish his toes as the rich oil replenished his skin. To be cared for, to be seen, to be loved, that is something good. — Rev. Nicolette Faison

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper 5:30; Worship 6:30

MID-WEEK SERVICES

February 25, March 4 – Atonement

March 11, 18, 25 – Cross of Glory