

CROSSROADS

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



April 18, 2025
6:30pm Worship at Atonement



WELCOME TO CROSSROADS Crossroads55112.org



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5472 Adams Street
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Worship at 8:30am



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New Brighton, MN 55112
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Worship at 10:45am



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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.

Good Friday

Trinity Chime

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

Words of Welcome

Good Friday Lenten Candle Liturgy

Sermon

Deacon Brad Mills

Prayer

Let us pray,

What we contemplate this night is beyond words, beyond understanding. May the Holy Spirit intercede for us and give voice to what, for us, is inexpressible. **Amen.**

Jesus you walked on this earth. You practiced a ministry of radical inclusivity, drawing to yourself all the despised and rejected members of society. You lived what you taught: a life of justice and love, of profound compassion for all people. You lived a tough life. Your death should terrify us, because it reveals how committed the world is to its own way, and the price the world exacts from those whose commitment is to a more just and compassionate Way. Lead us to follow your way and not the way of the empire. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 22

My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me? Why do you remain so distant? Why do you ignore my cries for help?

All: Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night you hear my voice, but I find no relief.

Yet you are holy. The praises of Israel surround your throne.

All: Our ancestors trusted in you, and you rescued them.

You heard their cries for help and saved them. They put their trust in you and were never disappointed.

All: But I am a worm and not a man. I am scorned and despised by all!

Everyone who sees me mocks me. They sneer and shake their heads, saying,

All: "Is this the one who relies on the LORD? Then let the LORD save him! If the LORD loves him so much, let the LORD rescue him!"

Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb and led me to trust you when I was a nursing infant.

All: I was thrust upon you at my birth. You have been my God from the moment I was born.

Do not stay so far from me, for trouble is near, and no one else can help me.

All: My enemies surround me like a herd of bulls; fierce bulls of Bashan have hemmed me in!

Like roaring lions attacking their prey, they come at me with open mouths.

All: My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within me.

My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead.

All: My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet.

I can count every bone in my body. My enemies stare at me and gloat.

All: They divide my clothes among themselves and throw dice for my garments.

O LORD, do not stay away! You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!

All: Rescue me from a violent death; spare my precious life from these dogs.

Snatch me from the lion's jaws, and from the horns of these wild oxen.

All: Then I will declare the wonder of your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among all your people.

Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

All: For he has not ignored the suffering of the needy. He has not turned and walked away. He has listened to their cries for help.

I will praise you among all the people; I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

All: The poor will eat and be satisfied. All who seek the LORD will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. People from every nation will bow down before him.

All: For the LORD is king! He rules all the nations.

Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Let all mortals -- those born to die -- bow down in his presence.

All: Future generations will also serve him. Our children will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

His righteous acts will be told to those yet unborn. They will hear about everything he has done.

THE TRAITOR - Matthew 26:17-25

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare your Passover meal?"

He said, “Enter the city. Go up to a certain man and say, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is near. I and my disciples plan to celebrate the Passover meal at your house.”’” The disciples followed Jesus’ instructions and began preparations for the Passover meal.

After sunset, he and the Twelve were sitting around the table. During the meal, he said, “I have something hard but important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over to the conspirators.”

They were stunned, and then began to ask, one after another, “It isn’t me, is it, Master?”

Jesus answered, “The one who hands me over is someone I eat with daily, one who passes me food at the table. It is written that the Son of Man must enter into a time of betrayal....well-marked by the Scriptures. In another sense that man who turns him in, the one that turns traitor to the Son of Man—would be better off never to have been born than do this!”

Then Judas, already turned traitor, said, “It isn’t me, is it, Rabbi?”

Jesus said, “Don’t play games with me, Judas.”

Extinguish first candle

Silence

Hymn: “When Twilight Comes” vv. 1-3

ELW 566

GETHSEMANE - Matthew 26:31-46

Then Jesus told them, “Before the night’s over, you’re going to fall to pieces because of what happens to me. There is a Scripture that says, ‘I’ll strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.’

But after I am raised up, I, your shepherd, will go ahead of you, leading the way to Galilee.”

Peter broke in, “Even if everyone else falls to pieces because of what is happening, I won’t.”

“Don’t be so sure,” Jesus said. “This very night, before the rooster crows at the sunrise, you will deny me three times.”

Peter protested, “Even if I had to die with you, I would never deny you.” All the others said the same thing.

Then Jesus went with them to a garden called Gethsemane and told his disciples, “Stay here while I go over there and pray.” Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he plunged into an agonizing time of prayer.

Then he said, “This sorrow is crushing me. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Going a little farther, he fell on his face, praying, “My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, **know** that I will do your will.”

When he came back to his disciples, he found them sound asleep. He said to Peter, “Can’t you stick it out with me a single hour? Stay alert; be in prayer so you don’t wander into temptation without even knowing

you're in danger. There is a part of you that is eager, ready for anything in God. But there's another part that's as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire."

He then left them a second time. Again, he prayed, "My Father, if there is no other way than this, drinking this cup to the dregs, I'm ready to do it your way."

When he came back, he again found them sound asleep. They simply couldn't keep their eyes open. This time he let them sleep, and went back a third time to pray, going over the same ground one last time.

When he came back the next time, he said, "Are you going to sleep right through the night? My time is up, the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the hands of sinners. Get up! Let's get going! For my betrayer is here."

Extinguish second candle

Silence

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vv. 1 & 2

ELW 347

WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS - Matthew 26:47-56

The words were barely out of his mouth when Judas (the one from the Twelve) showed up, and with him a mob from the high priests and religious leaders brandishing swords and clubs. The betrayer had worked out a sign with them; "The one I kiss, that's the one—seize him." He went straight to Jesus, greeted him, "How are you, Rabbi?" and kissed him.

Jesus said, "Judas my friend, why this charade?"

Then they surrounded him—grabbed him and pushed him around. One of those with Jesus pulled his sword and, taking a swing at the Chief Priest's servant, cut off his ear.

Jesus said, "Put your sword back where it belongs. All who use swords are destroyed by swords. Don't you realize that I am able right now to call to my Father, and hundreds of fully armed companies of fighting angels would be here in a second....battle-ready? But if I did that, how would the Scriptures come true that say this is the way it has to be?"

Then Jesus addressed the mob: "What is this—coming out after me with swords and clubs as if I were a dangerous criminal? Day after day I have been sitting in the Temple teaching, and you never so much as lifted a hand against me. You've done it this way to confirm and fulfill the prophetic writings."

Then all the disciples cut and ran.

Extinguish third candle

Silence

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vv. 3 & 4

ELW 347

FALSE CHARGES - Matthew 26:57-68

The mob that had seized Jesus led him before Caiaphas the Chief Priest, where the religious scholars and leaders had assembled. Peter followed at a safe distance until they got to the Chief Priest's courtyard. Then he slipped in and mingled with the servants, watching to see how things would turn out.

The high priests, conspiring with the Jewish Council, tried to think up charges against Jesus in order to sentence him to death. But even though many stepped up, making up one false accusation after another, nothing was believable.

Finally, two men came forward with this: "He said, 'I can tear down this Temple of God and after three days rebuild it.'"

The Chief Priest stood up and said, "What do you have to say to the accusation?"

Jesus kept silent.

Then the Chief Priest said, "I command you by the authority of the living God to say if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Jesus was curt: "You yourself said it. And that's not all. Soon you'll see it for yourself: The Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Mighty One, arriving on the clouds of heaven."

At that, the Chief Priest lost his temper, ripping his robes, yelling, "He blasphemed! Why do we need witnesses to accuse him? You all heard him blaspheme! Are you going to stand for such blasphemy?"

They all said, "Death! That seals his death sentence."

Then they were spitting in his face and shoving him around. They jeered as they slapped him: "Prophecy, Messiah: Who hit you that time?"

Extinguish fourth candle

Silence

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" vv. 1 & 2

ELW 351

DENIAL IN THE COURTYARD - Matthew 26:69-75

All this time, Peter was sitting out in the courtyard. One servant girl came up to him and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean."

In front of everybody there, he denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about."

As he moved over toward the gate, someone else said to the people there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene."

Again he denied it, salting his denial with an oath: "I swear, I have never laid eyes on the man."

Shortly after that, some bystanders approached Peter. "You've got to be one of them. Your accent gives you away."

Then he got really nervous and swore. “STOP asking me! I don’t know the man!”

Just then a rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” He went out and cried and cried and cried.

Extinguish fifth candle

Silence

Offering & Music: “The Garden of Tears”

Crossroads Choir

THIRTY SILVER COINS - Matthew 27:1-10

In the first light of dawn, all the high priests and religious leaders met and put the finishing touches on their plot to kill Jesus. Then they tied him up and paraded him to Pilate, the governor.

Judas, the one who betrayed him, realized that Jesus was doomed. Overcome with remorse, he gave back the thirty silver coins to the high priests, saying, “I’ve sinned. I’ve betrayed an innocent man.”

They said, “What do we care? That’s *your* problem!”

Judas threw the silver coins into the Temple and left.

Then he went out and hung himself.

Extinguish sixth candle

Silence

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” vv. 3 & 4

ELW 352

PILATE - Matthew 27:11-26

Jesus was placed before the governor, who questioned him: “Are you the ‘King of the Jews’?”

Jesus said, “If you say so.”

But when the accusations rained down hot and heavy from the high priests and religious leaders, he said nothing. Pilate asked him, “Do you hear that long list of accusations? Aren’t you going to say something?”

But Jesus kept silent—not a word came from his mouth. The governor was impressed, really impressed.

Now it was an old custom during the Feast for the governor to pardon a single prisoner named by the crowd. At the time, they had the infamous Barabbas in prison. With the crowd before him, Pilate said, “Which prisoner do you want me to pardon: Barabbas, or Jesus the so-called Christ?”

He knew it was through sheer spite that they had turned Jesus over to him.

While court was still in session, Pilate’s wife sent him a message: “Don’t get mixed up in judging this innocent man. I’ve just been through a long and troubled night because of a dream about him.”

Meanwhile, the high priests and religious leaders had talked the crowd into asking for the pardon of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus.

The governor asked, “Which of the two do you want me to pardon?”

They said, “Barabbas!”

“Then what do I do with Jesus, the so-called Christ?”

They all shouted, “Nail him to a cross!”

He objected, “But for what crime?”

But they yelled all the louder, “Nail him to a cross!”

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was imminent, he took a basin of water and washed his hands in full sight of the crowd, saying, “I’m washing my hands of responsibility for this man’s death. From now on, it’s in your hands. You’re judge and jury.”

The crowd answered, “We’ll take the blame, we and our children after us.”

Then he pardoned Barabbas. But he had Jesus whipped and then handed over for crucifixion.

Extinguish the seventh Candle

Silence

Hymn: “Were You There” v. 1

ELW 353

THE CRUCIFIXION - Matthew 27:27-54

The soldiers assigned to the governor took Jesus into the governor’s palace and got the entire brigade together for some fun. They stripped him and dressed him in a red toga. They shoved a crown of thorny branches on his head. They put a stick in his right hand for a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mocking reverence: “Bravo, King of the Jews!” they said. “Bravo!” Then they spit on him and hit him on the head with the stick. When they had had their fun, they took off the toga and put his own clothes back on him. Then they proceeded out to the crucifixion.

Along the way they came on a man from Cyrene named Simon and made him carry Jesus’ cross. Arriving at Golgotha, the place they call “Skull Hill,” they offered him a mild painkiller (a mixture of wine and myrrh), but when he tasted it he wouldn’t drink it.

After they had finished nailing him to the cross and were waiting for him to die, they wasted away the time by throwing dice for his clothes.

Above his head they had posted the criminal charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Along with him, they also crucified two criminals, one to his right, the other to his left. People passing along the road jeered, shaking their heads in mock lament: “You bragged that you could tear down the Temple and then rebuild it in three days—so show us your stuff! Save yourself! If you’re really God’s Son, come down from that Cross!

Hymn: “Were You There” vv. 2 & 3

ELW 353

The high priests, along with the religious scholars and leaders, were right there mixing it up with the rest of them, having a great time poking fun at him: “He saved others—he can’t save himself! King of Israel, is he? Then let him get down from that cross. We’ll **all** become believers then! He was so sure of God—well, let him rescue his ‘Son’ now—if he wants him! He did claim to be God’s Son, didn’t he?”

Hymn: “Were You There” v. 4

ELW 353

From noon to three, the whole earth was dark. Around mid-afternoon Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Some bystanders who heard him said, “He’s calling for Elijah.” One of them ran and got a sponge soaked in sour wine and lifted it on a stick so he could drink. The others joked, “Don’t be in such a hurry. Let’s see if Elijah comes and saves him.”

But Jesus, again crying out loudly.....breathed his last.

At that moment, the Temple curtain was ripped in two, top to bottom. There was an earthquake, and rocks were split in pieces. What’s more, tombs were opened up, and many bodies of believers asleep in their graves were raised.

The captain of the guard and those with him, when they saw the earthquake and everything else that was happening, were scared to death.

They said, “Surely....This must be the Son of God!”

Extinguish Christ Candle

Please depart in silence.

Easter Sunday Services:

7:30am Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory

8:30am Youth Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at Cross of Glory.

10:45am Easter Service at Atonement

12:00 Cristo Rey Easter Worship at Atonement