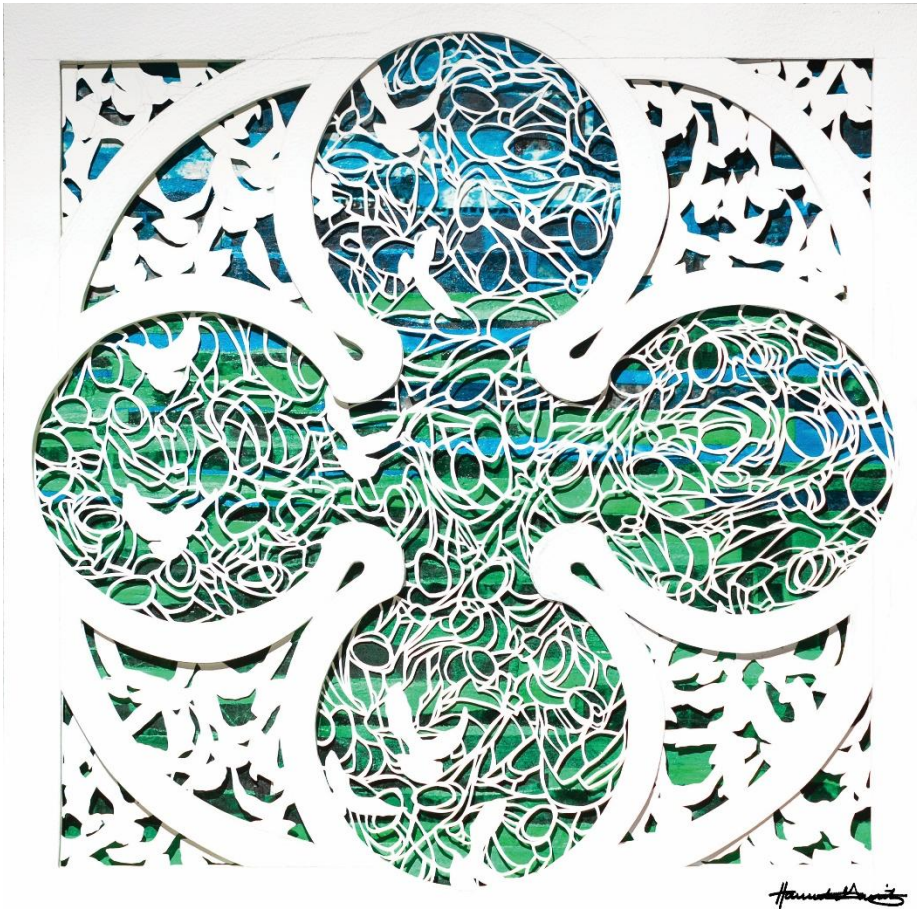


CROSSROADS

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



The good news is....alive in the world

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday



CROSSROADS PARISH



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

Atonement Lutheran Church

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

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

A Warm Welcome to Any Guests and Visitors

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

	7:30am	10:45am
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Gretchen Davis	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Jaime Verkuilen	Wayne Haselhorst
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Lynn Miller
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Kolleen Olsen	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Becky Redding, Leslie Bjork	Wayne Haselhorst, Carol Hoiby
COUNTERS	Allan Alt, Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth, 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)

7:30 – PROCESSION OF THE ETERNAL FLAME/UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

7:30 – “Agnus Dei” by Michael W. Smith

Crossroads Choir

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

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

All: The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” vv. 1-4

ELW 365

GREETING

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God’s love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us. Friends, let us pray:

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.

We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.

**We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.
We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,”
but we are afraid.
And we don’t know where to look.
And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.
We are best intentions and best laid plans.
We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”
We are on our way, but we are not there yet.
Show us how to embody your good news in this world.
Show us how to be your Easter people.
With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.

Please be seated.

“This Little Light of Mine” v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Cassie Nault

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

“This Little Light of Mine” v. 2

READING: 2 KINGS 4:16-37 (Common English Bible)

¹⁶Elisha said, “About this time next year, you will be holding a son in your arms.” But she said, “No, man of God, sir; don’t lie to your servant.” ¹⁷But the woman conceived and gave birth to a son at about the same time the next year. This was what Elisha had promised her.

¹⁸The child grew up. One day he ran to his father, who was with the harvest workers. ¹⁹He said to his father, “Oh, my head! My head!” The father said to a young man, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked up the boy and brought him to his mother. The boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died. ²¹She went up

and laid him down on the bed for the man of God. Then she went out and closed the door. ²²She called her husband and said, “Send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys so that I can hurry to the man of God and come back.” ²³Her husband said, “Why are you going to him today? It’s not a new moon or sabbath.” She said, “Don’t worry about it.” ²⁴She saddled the donkey, then said to her young servant, “Drive the donkey hard. Don’t let me slow down unless I tell you.” ²⁵So she went off and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

As soon as the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to Gehazi his servant, “Look, it’s the Shunammite woman! ²⁶Run out to meet her and ask her, ‘Are things okay with you, your husband, and your child?’” She said, “Things are okay.” ²⁷When she got to the man of God at the mountain, she grabbed his feet. Gehazi came up to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is distraught, but the Lord has hidden the reason from me and hasn’t told me why.”

²⁸She said, “Did I ask you for a son, sir? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’” ²⁹Elisha said to Gehazi, “Get ready, take my staff, and go! If you encounter anyone, don’t stop to greet them. If anyone greets you, don’t reply. Put my staff on the boy’s face.” ³⁰But the boy’s mother said, “I swear by your life and by the Lord’s life, I won’t leave you!” So Elisha got up and followed her.

³¹Gehazi went on ahead of them. He set the staff on the young boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So he went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy didn’t wake up.” ³²Elisha came into the house and saw the boy lying dead on his bed. ³³He went in and closed the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the Lord. ³⁴He got up on the bed and lay down on top of the child, putting his mouth on the boy’s mouth, his eyes on the boy’s eyes, his hands on the boy’s hands. And as he bent over him, the child’s skin grew warm. ³⁵Then Elisha got down and paced back and forth in the house. Once again he got up on the bed and bent over the boy, at which point the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. ³⁶Elisha called for Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite woman.” Gehazi called her, and she came to Elisha. He told her, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷She came and fell at his feet, facedown on the ground. Then she picked up her son and left.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

READING: 2 KINGS 13:20-21 (Common English Bible)

²⁰So Elisha died, and he was buried. Sometimes Moabite raiding parties used to come into the land each spring. ²¹Now it happened once that while a man was being buried, the people at the funeral suddenly saw a raiding party. They threw the body into Elisha’s tomb and ran off. When the body touched Elisha’s bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet!

Word of God, word of life.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" vv. 1-4

ELW 382

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of the "Nicene Creed".

**All: We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Risen Christ...

REMINDER OF GOD'S PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

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

*You are invited to shake hands, make a peace sign or greet each other in whatever way you're comfortable.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music: 7:30 "Hallelujah Chorus"

Crossroads Choir

10:45 "Risen as He Said"

Crossroads Choir

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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"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

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There is wine which is red in color and white grape juice in the center. There are baskets at the end of each aisle for empty communion cups.

On Easter morning, the women went looking for Jesus. The angel said he was not in the tomb, so they ran, afraid yet filled with joy. They sought after him. They hurried to Galilee, looking for their risen Christ. And in their seeking, the text tells us: "Suddenly, Jesus met them". Jesus met the women in their seeking. Jesus met them in their moment of fear and grief. Jesus met them when they felt lost. Jesus met them and provided hope. Friends, if like the women you are seeking Christ, if you have known grief or fear, if you have ever felt lost, or if you are in need of some hope, then come to this Table. All are welcome here. For just as Jesus met the women in their seeking, I am confident that Jesus meets us here, saying, "Do not be afraid."

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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"Now the Green Blade Rises" vv. 1-4

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"Thine the Amen" vv. 1-5

ELW 826

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies. Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst. Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are. Thank you for this Table that brings us together. Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits. Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray. **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

"Thine Is the Glory" vv. 1-3

ELW 376

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	7:30 – Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory 8:30 – Youth Easter Pancake Breakfast 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Easter Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Easter Worship at Atonement
Monday	<i>Church Offices & Buildings Closed for Easter Monday</i> 1pm – ABCD Book Discussion at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	4pm – Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6/6:30 – Scouts at Cross of Glory 6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10am – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 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 10:45am – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

THE CHURCH OFFICES & BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY.

TOMMORROW IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING PLANT SALE – Ordering is open until 10pm on Monday, April 6. Go to www.GertensFundraising.com, enter **Store ID 960**, place your order and enter the name of the church you want the profit to go to. Pick up day will be Wednesday, May 13 from 2pm – 6pm at Cross of Glory. See Dawn if you need help with ordering.

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, April 6 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss **The Wedding People** by Alison Espach. On May 4 we will discuss **The Book of Lost Names** by Kristin Harmel. 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.

THANKS TO everyone that donated candy or helped with the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday at Cross of Glory. We handed out about 100 Easter bags of candy and gave away 5 prizes.

FOOD DONATIONS - On Monday, March 30, Atonement delivered 31 lbs. of non-perishable foods to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf in Mounds View. Bonnie & Paul Anderson bring the food to the food shelf at Atonement.

During the first quarter of 2026, Cross of Glory members donated 54 lbs. of non-perishable food to Ralph Reeder. Allan Alt brings the food to the food shelf from Cross of Glory. In addition, Allan delivered 805 lbs of fresh produce, small-sized diapers and baby formula gathered during the response to help our neighbors during Operation Metro Surge.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and for helping our neighbors.

Just a quick reminder that Ralph Reeder cannot take expired items or opened packages.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM! Cross of Glory and Atonement are upgrading our phone systems in the coming weeks. The biggest difference you may notice, once the switch happens, will be that there is a call assistant with options to choose from when calling the church. The new system brings many new features including the ability for Dawn to answer phones for both locations in one place! More to come!!

GROWING THROUGH LOSS – This series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Sessions are weekly with different topics and begin April 9. Please find a brochure in each narthex for more information.

CROSSROADS CAMPING WEEKEND ALL CHURCH TRIP – Join us for an all-ages intergenerational outreach event. Please invite neighbors, friends, family, etc! Just come during the day if you want to sleep at home!

When: June 26-28th, 2026

Location: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground, 7373 Main Street, Centerville, MN 55038

Fee: Anoka County Vehicle Permits required \$30/annual or \$7/day per vehicle entrance. Tent campers no cost! If you want to bring an RV/Motorhome/Camper etc, please reserve your own site.

What: Come join in an all-church camping trip! Play at the beach, enjoy the playground, bring/rent a canoe to use at the boat launch, go fishing or use the hiking trails. Bring your bike if you want to ride the Anoka Bike Trails or your golf clubs at nearby Chominox Golf Course. Just come and hang out too if you want a low-key relaxing time to sit and read a book. Fun for everyone outdoors. Full schedule will be posted before the trip.

Worship: We will have an evening time around the campfire to discuss highs and lows, sing songs with guitars, and pray together.

Food: We will provide a campfire and you bring your own meals. If you would like to bring a snack to share please do so and s'more fixings will be provided.

Lodging: Tent camping space will be provided if you would like to tent at no cost. We can have up to 60 people tent camp in our group site. Please visit <https://www.anokacountyparks.com/camping> for more information.

Artist's Statement for Cover Art
Meet Me in Galilee by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10; 18x18"; Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the euaggelion, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —Hannah Garrity