

CROSSROADS

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



The good news is....inspiring us to act

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



CROSSROADS PARISH



Proud to be a Reconciling
In Christ Community

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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Mounds View, MN 55112
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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

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	Jaime Verkuilen	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Gretchen Davis	Cheryl Lunde
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Paula Reed	Carol Tilden
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COMMUNION SERVERS	Gretchen Davis, Linda Radtke	Ethan Lunde, Alice Sponholz
COUNTERS	Patsy Thorsbakken, Bob Reed	Gwen Blomseth, Bruce Jahnke

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)

GATHERING – *Those who are able, please gather in the narthex to process in with palm branches.*

TRINITY CHIMES

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

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest.

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

All: Jesus of Nazareth,

we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.

You marched through the streets and walked on water.

You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.

Your good news was not confined to conversation.

It was not confined to the Temple.

Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.

Holy God, we long for a faith like that.

Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith

to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.

**Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.**

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

All: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, *good* news. Amen!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

We praise you, O God....one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

PROCESSION

All: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

8:30 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vv. 1-4

ELW 344

10:45 "Antiphonal Hosanna"

Crossroads Choir

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.

Please be seated.

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY; Inspired by Mark 11:1-11

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 2

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

The Holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Song Is Love Unknown” vv. 1-4

ELW 343

CREED

L: 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

L: God of the peaceful parade...

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: "Celtic Hosanna" from *Canticle of the Cross*

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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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

"Lamb of God" vv. 1-3

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"Beautiful Things" – *Hymn of the Month*

ACS 925

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

"This Is My Father's World" vv. 1-3

ELW 824

DISMISSAL

L: 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 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement 3pm – FCC at Atonement LL
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 10:30 – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 5:30 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Maundy Thursday Worship at Atonement
Friday	10am – Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Good Friday Worship at Cross of Glory 7:30 – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	Easter Sunday 7:30am – Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory 8:30am – Youth Pancake Breakfast at Cross of Glory – All are invited! 10am – FCC at Atonement 10:45am – Easter Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Easter Worship at Atonement</u>

THRIVENT MEMBERS - Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 "Choice Dollars" before they expire on March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thank you to everyone who has already directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Atonement or Cross of Glory!

EASTER EGG HUNT – Our Easter Egg Hunt is this Friday (April 3) 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.

BANNER HELP NEEDED AT ATONEMENT – Volunteers are needed to help change the banners for Easter Sunday. Possible dates are during the day on Good Friday, April 3 or Saturday, April 4 after 3pm. Please contact Carol Tilden if you are able to help.

THANK YOU to our volunteers at Cross of Glory, Jeff & Greg Olson and Ron Markham, for bringing the donated aluminum cans to the recycling center, earning \$219 for the Sunday School/Youth program!

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!!

DEADLINE APPROACHING - CROSSROADS 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.

CROSSROADS CAMPING WEEKEND ALL CHURCH TRIP

Who: 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: Vehicle Permits Anoka County 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.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 29

8:30am at Cross of Glory

10:45am at Atonement

Maunder Thursday – April 2 – 6:30pm at Atonement

Good Friday – April 3 – 6:30pm at Cross of Glory

Easter Sunday

7:30am – Sunrise Easter Worship at Cross of Glory

8:30am – Youth Easter Breakfast at Cross of Glory – All are welcome!

10:45am – Easter Worship at Atonement