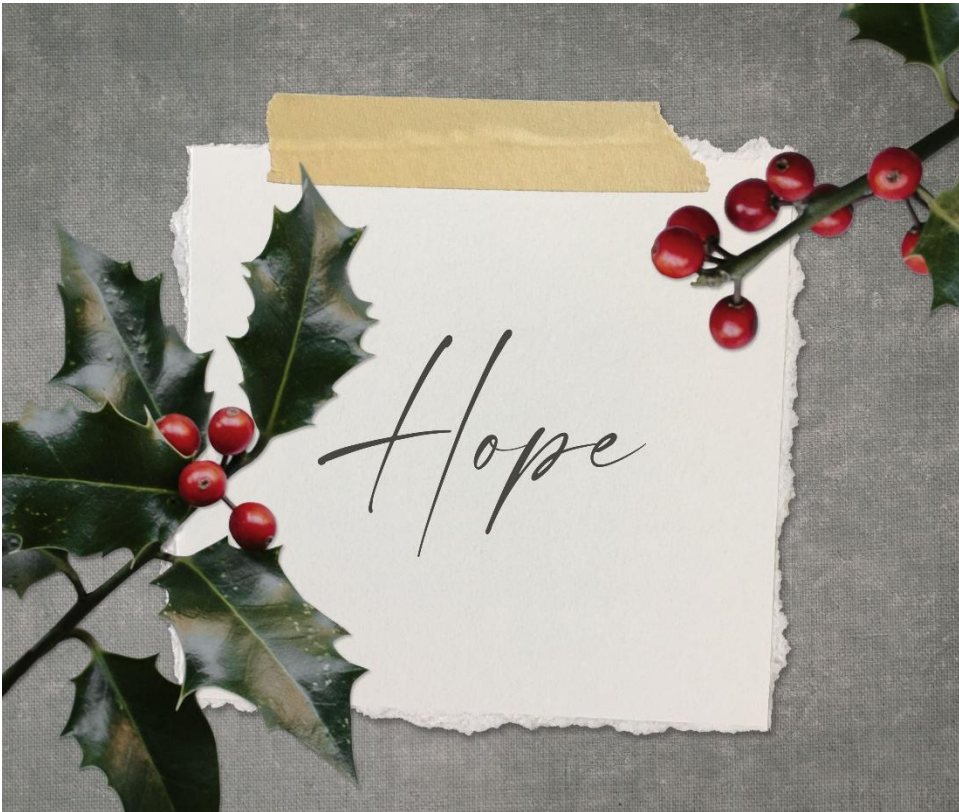


CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent



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
1980 Silver Lake Rd NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
763-225-7079
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	Jaime Verkuilen	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Lorna Schultz
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Bonnie Anderson
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	Roberta Olson	Laurel Nelson
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Linda Radtke	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gretchen Davis, Leslie Bjork	Lorna Schultz, Carreen Houfek
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis	Tony Houfek, 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

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Long-expected God,

**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.**

**We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**

**We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.**

**Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW 254

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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 1

ELW 257

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” vv. 1-2

ELW 436

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostles’ Creed”.

**All: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

L: During cold and flu season, we refrain from the shaking of hands during the peace. Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “He Came Down” vv. 1-4

ELW 252

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“People, Look East” vv. 1-4

ELW 248

“Shall We Gather at the River” vv. 1-4

Hymn of the Month - ELW 423

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” vv. 1-3

ELW 250

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.

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
	9:45 – Tree set up at Cross of Glory
	10am – FCC at Atonement
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
	6pm – Tree Setup at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
	10:30 – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
	1pm – ABCD at Atonement
	2pm – Puzzles at Atonement
	6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
	6pm/6:30 – Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory
	6:30 – Social Justice Lecture at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
	3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons
	6:30 – BINGO at Atonement
Friday	Offices Closed
	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
	4pm – Holiday Planter Make & Take at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory
	10am – FCC at Atonement LL
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
	Noon – Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite
	<u>3:30 – Recital at Atonement</u>



CROSS OF GLORY – If you are able, help is needed after worship today to set up the Christmas tree. Thanks for your help!

ATONEMENT TREE SETUP – TONIGHT, if you can, come help set up the Christmas tree at 6pm Atonement. Pizza served after. Thank you!

THE ATONEMENT COUNCIL is seeking 2-3 members for election at the next annual meeting. If interested, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Andrea Weatherly, Carol Hoiby or Tony Houfek.



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, December 1 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss books written by an author from your ancestral homeland. We will also plan our 2026 book discussion schedule. Our next meeting will be January 5, 2026. 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.

ANNUAL ADVENT JUSTICE LECTURE is this **Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm at Atonement**. Thomas Page from Clare Housing will join us for the topic "HIV & Homelessness 101" *How does housing radically improve HIV health outcomes? Why is it an essential part of ending the HIV epidemic? Join us for an HIV & Homelessness 101 learning session and find out! This event will help you learn more about Clare Housing's mission.*

SENIORS TO SENIORS CONCERT - The Irondale High School Music Department invites the community to our annual **Seniors to Seniors Holiday Concert** on **Friday, December 12 at 12:30 p.m.** The Concert Choir, Symphonic Winds, and Symphony Orchestra will perform a free holiday concert for parents, grandparents, and community members. Caroling (with free coffee and cookies) starts at 12:00 in the lobby. Come enjoy beautiful music! For further details, please contact: Jason Etten at 651-621-6847 or jason.etten@mvpsschools.org

HOLIDAY PLANTER MAKE AND TAKE – Join us at **4pm Saturday, December 6** at Cross of Glory to build your own holiday planter. Bring your own pot (with the bottom partially filled with dirt or Styrofoam) or purchase one at the event. Greenery and decorations are provided. Prices will be suggested for your completed planter at the event. Soup and desserts will be served. Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring food. This is a fundraiser for Cross of Glory. Invite your family and friends.

BINGO – Join us at Atonement **Thursday, December 4 at 6:30** for a fun evening of Bingo and fellowship.

MINNESOTA GATHERS RETREAT!! Young Adults from around Minnesota are invited to a winter retreat at Shores of St. Andrew hosted by the seven Gather Communities of Minnesota! Join for a weekend of community, faith formation, and rest centering around, *"Gather To-gather"*.

The cost is \$100 per attendee. Contact us for registration, payment information, and sponsorship opportunities. Register by Dec. 30th!

Registration link: <https://wem.campbrainregistration.com/> and more info on our website:

<https://www.gathertwincities.org/events>)



HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR FUNDRAISER – Due to lack of Federal funding we are again asking for your help to supply snacks to 11 elementary schools in the Mounds View School District. We so appreciated your help In September and we're hoping you will help again. If you choose to give, we're looking for large boxes or individual bags of Cheezits and pretzels. These can be found at Target, Amazon, Costco and Sams. Please bring your donations by Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your generosity.

Laurel Nelson & Leslie Pierce

KING'S KIDS FUNDRAISER – RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS - Order the perfect gift and support King's Kids Preschool at the same time! Purchase gift cards and KKP will receive a percentage of each purchase. In order to receive gift cards by December 15th, **order forms must be received by December 1st**. Give completed forms to Cheryl Lunde or Dawn Saros-Kirk. Forms are in the narthex of both churches. Remember, King's Kids is still enrolling new students!

WINTER COATS ARE NEEDED – The Mounds View Police are collecting gently used or new WINTER WEIGHT coats for their Annual Winter Warm-up Coat Drive. Bring in your donations to benefit the Salvation Army and Harbor Light Center and leave them in the coat area at either church. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MEALS – Soon we'll be sitting down with loved ones to share a holiday meal. Not everyone has the means to buy these ingredients (or the loved ones to share it with). That is where the food shelves are needed! Both churches of our parish are collecting non-perishable foods for a holiday meal (or any meal!). Foods desired are soups, canned fruit or meat, boxed mixes, cooking oil, peanut butter, salad dressing, etc. Donations will be delivered to our food shelves mid-December. If you choose to write a check, that's even better. Food shelves can buy food at a discount, stretching the donation. We can deliver a donation check or you can mail it. Thank you for your generosity. You are a blessing.



Holiday Schedule

MID-WEEK ADVENT (6:30pm)

December 3 – Social Justice Lecture at Atonement
December 10 – Holden Evening Prayer at Cross of Glory
December 17 – Longest Night Service at Atonement

SUNDAY ADVENT

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent
December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens
December 14 – Christmas Cantata Program at Atonement **(9:30am)** with potluck brunch to follow
December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS

December 24– Christmas Candlelight Service at Atonement **(4pm)**
December 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service at Cross of Glory with Cristo Rey **(10pm)**
December 28 – Lessons and Carols at Atonement **(9:30am)**
January 4, 2026 – Epiphany

