

CROSSROADS  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



June 16, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor Cassie Nault & Deacon Brad Mills  
9:30 Worship at Cross of Glory



WELCOME TO  
CROSSROADS  
Crossroads55112.org



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**  
5472 Adams Street  
Mounds View, MN 55112  
763-784-2528  
CrossofGloryMV.org  
Worship at 8:30am



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA  
CRISTO REY**  
Crossroads Parish

**Iglesia Luterna Cristo Rey**  
Pastora Ana Becerra  
1980 Silver Lake Rd NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
763-225-7079  
Worship at Noon

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault  
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator  
Ivan Konev - Accompanist  
Matt Verkuilen, Jon Thomalla - Audio-Visual  
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School

Deacon Brad Mills  
Diane Lightbody - Accompanist  
Tony Houfek, Alice Sponholz - Audio-Visual  
Dani Gow - Youth Group

	<b>9:30</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk
LECTOR	Monika Cook
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed
GREETER	Linda Radtke
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	<b>COG:</b> Gretchen Davis, Jason Emerson <b>ALC:</b> Bruce Jahnke, Sally Kline
COG CLOSER	TBD

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

## WORDS OF WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*The singing bowl invites us to a time of silence for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

"As Rain from the Clouds" vv. 1-3

ELW 508

## GREETING

L: 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.**

## KYRIE

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## HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory Be to God"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**All: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture**

**our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Father Abraham" – All Sing Together

Lyrics Projected

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup> The LORD God proclaims: I myself will take one of the top branches from the tall cedar. I will pluck a tender shoot from its crown, and I myself will plant it on a very high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On Israel's mountainous highlands I will plant it, and it will send out branches and bear fruit. It will grow into a mighty cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of its boughs. <sup>24</sup> Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the tall tree and raise up the lowly tree, and make the green tree wither and the dry tree bloom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith and not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. <sup>10</sup> We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

<sup>11</sup> So we try to persuade people, since we know what it means to fear the Lord. We are well known by God, and I hope that in your heart we are well known by you as well. <sup>12</sup> We aren't trying to commend ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us so that you could answer those who take pride in superficial appearance, and not in what is in the heart.

<sup>13</sup> If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake. <sup>14</sup> The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. <sup>15</sup> He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. <sup>17</sup> So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. <sup>29</sup> Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

<sup>30</sup> He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? <sup>31</sup> Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; <sup>32</sup> but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup> He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father" vv. 1-4

ELW 781

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the "Apostles' Creed".

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: Our Father...**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

OFFERING

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

ELW 824

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" vv. 1-2

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
"God's work. Our hands."

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT & CROSS OF GLORY

Today	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement 12:30pm - Faith Community Church at Atonement 3pm – Recital at Cross of Glory
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Tuesday	5:30 – Jumbo Sale Collection
Wednesday	6:30 – Council Meetings at Atonement 6:30 – Cristo Rey Bible Study at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory 6:30 – FACC 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 4pm – FACC at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement <u>12:30 - Faith Community Church at Atonement</u>

JUMBO SALE COLLECTION

Drop off items for the Jumbo Sale **every Tuesday** beginning June 18 from **5:30 – 7:30pm**. Helpers are needed too. Everyone of all ages is welcome to sort items; there are many tasks that need to be done.

SUMMER WALKING GROUP

There is interest in starting up a walking group outside this summer. Similar to our Lenten Walking Group except we'll enjoy the outdoors at Long Lake Park Monday mornings at 10am. We're looking to see if anyone is interested. If you are, please sign up in the narthex and depending on interest we'll start in the next couple weeks.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Both church offices are doing some organizing and archiving and looking for some helpers. It will mainly be going through cabinets and old files and archiving them into storage. Please let Dawn know if you can help at either office.

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Dawn Saros-Kirk will be the main contact to receive prayer requests from both Atonement and Cross of Glory. Becky Redding will be a backup contact. Atonement & Cross of Glory's prayer chain lists have now become one as the Crossroads Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is a powerful ministry that will be even stronger together. Please send your prayer chain requests to **Dawn@Crossroads55112.org** or call either church office. Becky Redding (backup) redding1523@comcast.net. Thank you to our prayer chain volunteers.

THANK YOU! Many thanks to everyone who purchased sweet rolls to support campers. A total of \$1,356.44 was raised resulting in \$58.96 going towards each Seeds camper and \$147.40 going towards each Ox Roots or Wapo Youth campers.

## LIFT UP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUMMER!

Summer Stretch is a 4-day program for youth in 6th through 12th grade to participate in service projects and community building. Together with Christ the King and Incarnation, Crossroads Parish provides staff and volunteers to provide this faith-forming experience to nearly 75 kids.

***We need your help to make this happen!*** We are looking for 1-2 people to lead an art station on Tuesday, August 9 from 1:00-3:30pm. You will be guiding small groups of youth through an art project such as alcohol inks or paint pouring (or another medium). Please contact Jennifer Schneider for more details ([schneider1650@gmail.com](mailto:schneider1650@gmail.com) or 651-494-7943).

***Also, we are seeking donations of snacks and drinks for each of the 4 days.*** These could include individual snack packs of chips, granola bars, hostess cupcakes, pudding cups, and beverages such as Capri-Sun, Sunny-D, Gatorade, etc in single-serve bottles. Donations can be dropped off at Atonement or COG between now and August 1.

## S'MORE WORSHIP

Once a month this summer, we'll enjoy an outdoor S'more Worship together. Our first S'more Worship is **Tuesday, June 25** at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory's fire pit.

## SUMMER EVENTS BOARD

Many families with children are involved in a variety of activities during the summer. Now these events can be shared on a designated bulletin board at each church. This is a great way to support families and our younger members.

## FREE COMMUNITY VBS

Vacation Bible School - **August 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at Abiding Savior 9am - 12pm**. Children 3 years old (by 9/1/24) and potty-trained through those entering 5th grade.

Register at <https://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/register-for-vbs-2024/> for this free community program.