

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



August 18, 2024
13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 Worship at Atonement



**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 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 - Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen, Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School

Deacon Brad Mills
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator
Diane Lightbody - Accompanist
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual
Dani Gow – Youth Group

	9:30
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Wayne Haselhorst
LECTOR	Virginia Cahow
USHER/ACOLYTE	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Steve & Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	COG: TBD ALC: 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

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.

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

"Praise and Thanksgiving" vv. 1-4

ELW 689

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

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vv. 1-3

WOV 783

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

All: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Justin Grimm

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” vv. 1-4

ELW 764

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of “We Are Not Alone”, a creed from the Church of Canada.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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 familiar.

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: "Variation no. 18 from the Paganini Rhapsody" by Rachmaninoff Ivan Konev

OFFERING PRAYER

Abundant God, as we give back to you, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. 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

"O God Beyond All Praising" vv. 1-3

ELW 880

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 Atonement 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement 3pm - FCC at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 10am – Walking Group at Silver Wood Park in St. Anthony 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement
Tuesday	5pm – Meet at Cross of Glory to bike to DQ
Wednesday	6:30 – Councils Meet at Cross of Glory
Thursday	Offices Closed 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory 6:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory
Friday	Offices Closed 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Faith and a Pint at Torg Brewery
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 4pm – FACC at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Crossroads Worship at Silver View Park in Mounds View 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory <u>12:30 – FCC at Atonement</u>

TODAY WE WELCOME the Reverend Justin Grimm to Crossroads! Pastor Justin serves as Assistant to the Bishop, St. Paul Area Synod, and we are grateful to hear him preach today.

GROUP PHOTO TODAY – Please stay in the sanctuary for a group photo after service.

BOTH CHURCH OFFICES will be closed Thursday & Friday, August 22-23.

LET'S ALL GO TO THE DQ – Helena Mills is leading a bike group from Cross of Glory to the Dairy Queen on Silver Lake Road. We'll meet at 5pm Tuesday, August 20 at Cross of Glory. If you are unable to bike with us, you are welcome to meet us there. Bring some money for a treat and enjoy ice cream and fellowship together.

FAITH AND A PINT – Join Deacon Brad and others at Torg Brewery this Friday, August 23 for good conversation and fun!

PRAYER MINISTERS AT CROSS OF GLORY – If you would like to serve as a prayer minister at Cross of Glory for individual prayers once a month after service, please let a staff member know. Training will be provided.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK & POTLUCK – Next Sunday, August 25 we worship at Silver View Park in Mounds View at 9:30am. Bring your chair, a beverage and a dish to share for a potluck after service. We will provide water to drink.

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL! Sunday School is at 9:30am beginning September 15. Registration forms are in the narthex.

ATONEMENT 2024-2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your church mailboxes. The new envelopes begin September 1.

COUNTERS NEEDED – Please help us at Cross of Glory and volunteer to help with counting. We need 2 people to help every Sunday and we are very short on volunteers. Let Dawn know if you can help.

WINTER COAT DRIVE – Although it's still warm outside, we begin thinking ahead to winter and to those in need of warm, winter coats. We will begin collecting winter coats for the 25th Annual Social Concerns Coat Drive on September 8. Gently used and in good repair winter coats in all sizes are needed.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS” - ELCA Service Day at Crossroads – A Day to Love & Serve Our Neighbor - Sunday, September 8 – Marilyn Goldsworthy has volunteered to coordinate a food drive for “Every Meal” a non-profit organization that helps fight child hunger by focusing on filling the food gaps children face, especially on the weekends, when they’re not able to eat school meals. Through their multiple food gap programs, they provide children and families experiencing food insecurity with access to good food. Watch for more information!

GROWING THROUGH LOSS SERIES - This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. Child care will not be provided. Call 763-755-5335 or visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more information. The next series will be held Thursday evenings, September 5th through October 12th, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road NE, St Anthony, MN 55418

LOOKING AHEAD:

Blessing of the Pets – October 1

Intergenerational Retreat – October 11-12

Trick or Trunk – October 22

Bingo at Cross of Glory - October 9

Faith & Blue – October 13