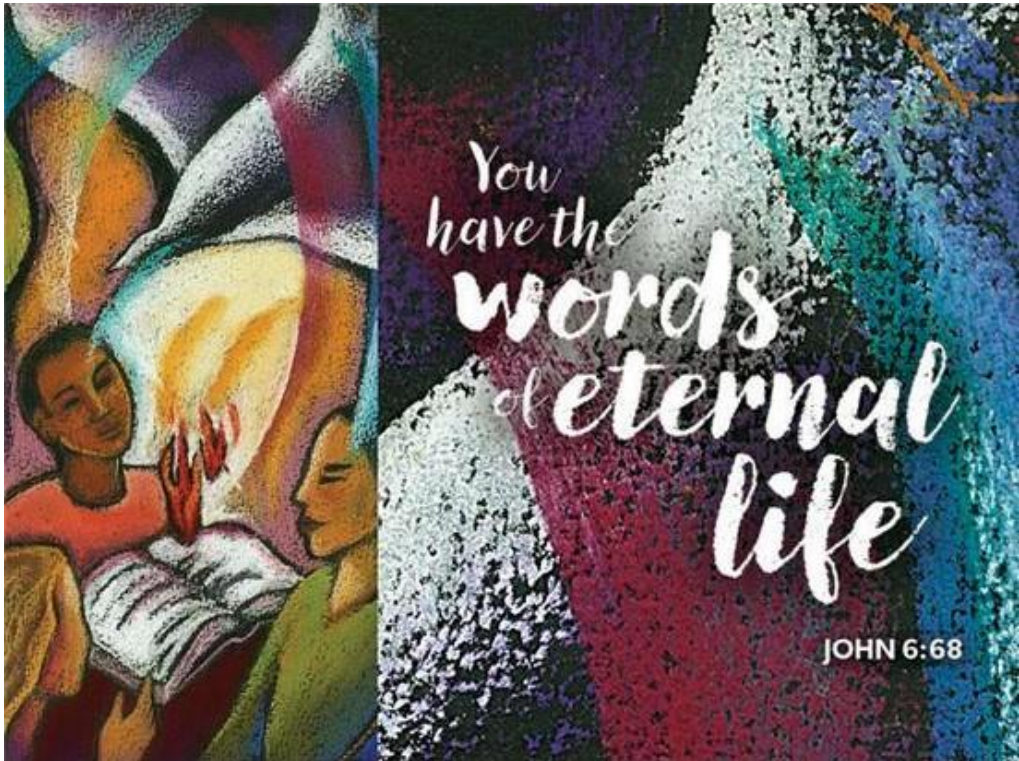


CROSSROADS

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



August 24, 2024
14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 Worship at Silver View Park



**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 |
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| WORSHIP ASSISTANT | Andrea Weatherly |
| LECTOR | Carreen Houfek |
| USHER/ACOLYTE | Bonnie Anderson |
| GREETER | Nancy & Bruce Jahnke |
| BREAD BAKER | No Communion |
| COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP | No Communion |
| COMMUNION SERVERS | No Communion |
| COUNTERS | COG: TBD ALC: Sally Kline, 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

WORDS OF WELCOME

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: "I'm So Glad" by Skip James

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,

singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

2 Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free

Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free

Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free,

singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,

singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

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"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And its righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

All: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those 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." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastora Ana Becerra

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Goodness of God" by Bethel Chapel

I love You, Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

And in darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

And all my life You have been faithful, oh

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing (oh, God)

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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...

OFFERING

Offertory: Special Music by Rachel Kurtz

OFFERING PRAYER

Abundant God, as we give back to you, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to see your will and the courage to walk in your ways, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is over

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh, Glory

I'll fly away

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by

I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joy shall never end

I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh, Glory

I'll fly away

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by

I'll fly away

Yeah, when I die, Hallelujah, by and by

I'll fly away

TABLE BLESSING

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 join us for the meal following worship! It is a potluck – even if you did not bring anything to share, you are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
"God's work. Our hands."

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT & CROSS OF GLORY

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| Today | 9:30 – Worship at Silver View Park & Potluck 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory 12:30 - 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 5pm – Private Event 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 5pm – FACC at Cross of Glory |
| Sunday | 9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory <u>12:30 – FCC at Atonement</u> |

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST MUSICIAN RACHEL KURTZ for sharing her musical talents with us today!

THANKS to Helena Mills for planning a fun outing to the DQ last Tuesday! We had 10 bikers and about 30 people attended.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 9:30, worship is at Cross of Glory. We resume both worship services, 8:30 at Cross of Glory & 10:45 at Atonement, on September 8.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CROSS OF GLORY – If you would like to serve as a Prayer Minister for individual prayers once a month after service, a Counter or a Ministry Assistant, please let a staff member know. Training will be provided.

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

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.

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. Childcare 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