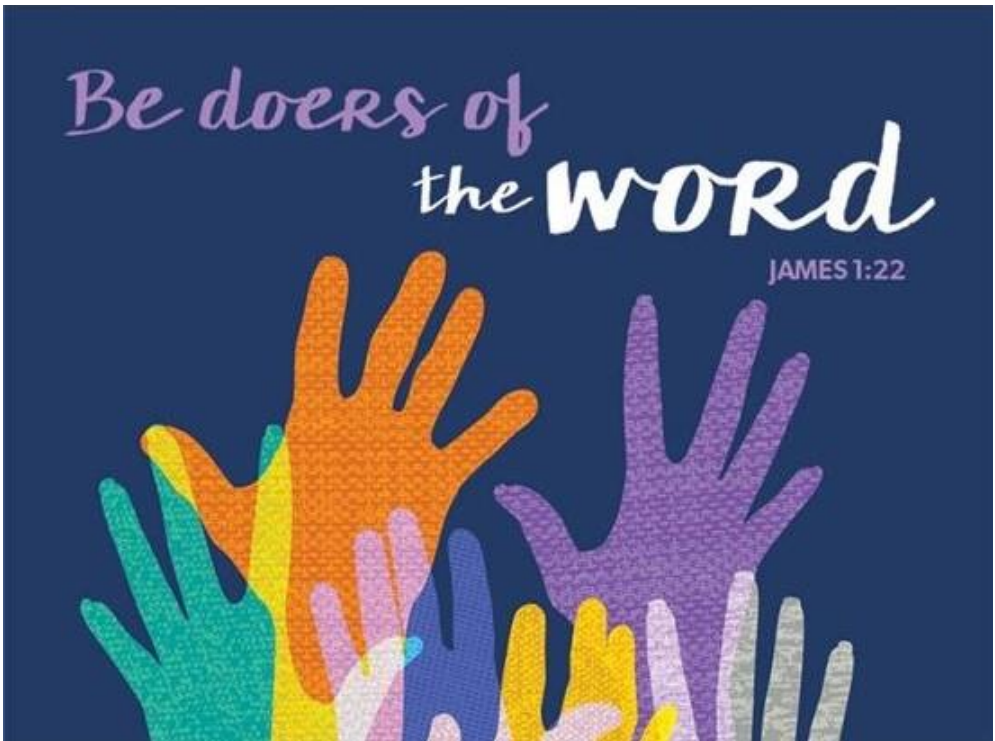


CROSSROADS

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



September 1, 2024
15th Sunday after Pentecost
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 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	TBD
LECTOR	Kolleen Olsen
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson
GREETER	Leslie Bjork
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	COG: Gretchen Davis, Roger Steen; ALC: Royce King, Gwen Blomseth

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

Hymn of the Month: "We Are All One in Christ/Somos uno en Cristo"

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

A time of silence for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us

cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" vv. 1-3

ELW 880

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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: JAMES 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW 172

GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Light Dawns on a Weary World” vv. 1-3

ELW 726

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 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

Piano Solo by Ivan Konev

Offertory Music: "We Are All One in Christ/Somos uno en Cristo" (4X ELW 643)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: "Take My Life, That I May Be (Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad)" vv. 1-4

ELW 583

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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 at Atonement 12:30 - FCC at Atonement
Monday	Church Offices & Buildings Closed for Labor Day
Wednesday	King's Kids Preschool Classes Begin at Atonement 10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4pm – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite 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	<i>Prayer Ministers Available After Service</i> 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory GWOH Service Project 10:45 - Worship at Atonement GWOH Service Project 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory <u>12:30 – FCC at Atonement</u>

THE CHURCH OFFICES & BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

JUMBO SALE RECAP MEETING – Join us Wednesday, **September 4** at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory for a Jumbo Sale recap discussion.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." service day is September 8 at Crossroads. Both churches are collecting non-perishable food items for "Every Meal", a non-profit that helps fill the gap on hunger, especially weekends when no school lunches are provided. Go to EveryMeal.org for details. Cross of Glory will also make simple, fleece bunnies to donate to the Minneapolis Children's Hospital and Atonement will clean out their rain garden so it works efficiently and looks good for the community.

FAREWELL FOR DIANE – Following Atonement's worship service on **September 15**, we will celebrate 18 years of Diane Lightbody serving as our Accompanist. There will be coffee, cake and a time of fellowship. We give thanks to God for Diane's dedication to Atonement and Crossroads and we wish Diane well. You

are welcome and encouraged to bring cards and/or gifts showing your appreciation for Diane as she retires.

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL! Sunday School is at 9:30am beginning Sunday, September 15. Registration forms are in the narthex. Drop completed forms off with the office.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP both start on Sunday, September 15th at 9:30am. *Confirmation is for grades 5-9 and Youth Group is for grades 10-12.* Parents are asked to attend the first week with their student(s) for a brief orientation to the year. Even if your child is a returning student, it is important you attend to learn about changes to the program.

Please contact Pastor Cassie cassie@crossroads55112.org to let her know your student is participating by Tuesday, September 10th.

NO CROSSROADS BIBLE STUDY or KITCHEN KUTUPS Monday, September 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.

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 (assists the pastor with parts of worship), please let Becky Redding or Dawn Saros-Kirk know. Training will be provided. Thanks!

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for all volunteer positions, but we are especially short on Communion Setup/Cleanup volunteers. If you are interested in helping with Communion Setup or as a Ministry Assistant, Lector, Usher, Greeter, Communion Bread baker or Counter, please let Carol Hoiby or the Dawn Saros-Kirk know. Thanks!

WINTER COAT DRIVE – Bring in your gently used and in good repair winter coats. All sizes are needed. Please make sure they are clean and check that the zippers are working. Donations can be hung in the coat rack area of both churches. We are also accepting clean scarves, mittens, snowpants and winter boots. NEW hats only please.

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. The first in the series is **September 5**, “What is Grief?” with Bob Bartlett, Marriage & Family Therapist from 6:45 – 9:00pm at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road NE, St Anthony, MN 55418. Call 763-755-5335 or visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more information. There are brochures in the narthex with all the information.

ABCD BOOK DISCUSSION - Due to the Labor Day holiday, the **Atonement Book Club Daytime** will meet on Monday, September 9 at 1:00pm in Atonement's Fellowship Hall. We will discuss ***The Museum of Ordinary People*** by Mike Gayle. Members of both Atonement and Cross of Glory are invited to attend. You can come to all of the discussions, or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.