

CROSSROADS

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



September 8, 2024
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Worship at Cross of Glory
10:45 Worship at Atonement
12:00 Cristo Rey 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

	8:30	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jaime Verkuilen	Jim Nelson
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Lorna Schultz
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Thorson	Bonnie Anderson
GREETER	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Nancy & Bruce Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	Linda Radtke	Lynn Miller
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Jeff & Roberta Olson	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gwen Lentsch, Claire Verkuilen	Jim Nelson
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Allan Alt	Tony Houfek, Bruce Jahnke
COG Closer	Dani Gow	NA

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: "Earth and All Stars!" vv. 1-3

ELW 731

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

All: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: JAMES 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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: MARK 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Are All One in Christ/Somos uno en Cristo” 2X

ELW 643

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION (8:30)

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words the “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: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" 2X

ELW 186

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" vv. 1-5

ELW 675

"This Little Light of Mine" vv. 1-3

ELW 677

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our 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: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" vv. 1-3

ELW 674

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	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory GWOH service project 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers available</i> GWOH service project 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement 12:30 - FCC at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study 10am – Walking Group 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 1pm – ABCD Book Discussion at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Wednesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9:30 – Mary-Elizabeth Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 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
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School at Cross of Glory 10:45 - Worship at Atonement 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory <u>12:30 – FCC at Atonement</u>

NEW MEMBER WELCOME – Please take a moment to welcome Kim Boyle to Crossroads.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." service day today! We have an ongoing (through September) non-perishable food collection for "Every Meal", a non-profit that helps fill the gap on hunger, especially weekends when no school lunches are provided. Also, Cross of Glory will meet in the fellowship hall to make simple, fleece bunnies to donate to the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. Atonement, we'll meet after service to help clean out the rain garden so it works efficiently and looks good for the community.

ABCD MEETS TOMORROW AT 1:00PM - The Atonement Book Club Daytime book discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Monday, September 9 at 1:00 pm**. We

will discuss *The Museum of Ordinary People* by Mike Gayle. On October 7 we will discuss *Zorro* by Isabel Allende. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.

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.

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 week’s program is **September 12**, “Self Care?” 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. Brochures are available in the narthex.