

CROSSROADS

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



September 15, 2024
17th 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	Gretchen Davis	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Andrea Weatherly
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed	Judy Hill
GREETER	Linda Radtke	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Bob Reed Sue Pulvermacher-Alt	Tony Houfek 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

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: "Will You Come and Follow Me" vv. 1-5

ELW 798

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: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 1:20-33

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³²For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior” vv. 1-4

WOV 614

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" vv. 1-5

ELW 779

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

FAREWELL TO DIANE LIGHTBODY (10:45)

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vv. 1-3

ELW 774

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 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement 11:45 - Farewell to Diane Lightbody 11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study 10am – Walking Group 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
Tuesday	6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30 – Councils Meet at Cross of Glory
Thursday	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/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 - Worship at Atonement <u>11:30 – FACC at Cross of Glory</u>

THE FLOWERS on the altar at Cross of Glory were provided by and are in honor of Ron & Shelly Markham's 40th wedding anniversary. They are unable to be at church today so please wish them a happy anniversary when you see them next.

FAREWELL TO DIANE – Join us after 10:45 service as we say thank you and celebrate Diane Lightbody's 18 years of serving as our Accompanist. We give thanks to God for Diane's dedication to Atonement and Crossroads and we wish her well in retirement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins promptly today at 9:30 and ends at 10:15 at Cross of Glory. Children are invited to leave service during the sending hymn and meet the Sunday School teacher and go directly to the classroom.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS & PARENTS are asked to meet in the Youth Room at 9:30 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. *Confirmation is for grades 5-9 and Youth Group is for grades 10-12.*

INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT at OX LAKE (Part of Camp Wapo)

Who: All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

Where: Ox Lake, 5 miles from Camp Wapo's main site in Amery, Wisconsin.

When: October 11-12th, 2024. We will depart at 5:30pm on the 11th from Cross of Glory (eat dinner before you come) and we will return before dinner at 5pm on the 12th. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Please bring snacks to share for Friday night.

What: Smores, bonfires, fall weather, hikes, low ropes course, cabin time, card games, and more! Come enjoy the crisp fall weather and the leaves changing together with your faith community. We will be reading bible stories and discussing their impact in our lives today!

How: Carpooling to get there! Let us know if you can drive and how many seats you have.

Cost: \$35/Person

Bring: Sleeping bag and pillow. Clothes for outdoor wear weather depending. Snacks to share. Good shoes for field games or hiking if you want. Your own mug for coffee or hot cocoa. Flashlight. Rain jacket.

2024 HOLIDALE BOUTIQUE - Saturday, November 2nd 9am-3pm – Planning has begun! Dust off your craft skills and recipes for soups, jams and baked goods. This year we are also asking you to dust off your phone books! In addition to our crafts, baked goods, cafe, and raffle baskets; new this year, we will be inviting local vendors of handmade crafts to join us to enhance our available craft items. Vendor tables will be available to rent for \$35 each. Call your crafty friends and have them connect with us to complete an application. Thank you!

PAPER ANGELS – Would you be interested in becoming a “Paper Angel”? This ministry sends cards & notes of welcome, encouragement, congratulations, get-well wishes, etc. to let members/guests know someone is thinking of them. Supplies provided. Members of this ministry can work from home, in the evening or whenever you have a few moments. Let Dawn know if you would like to help as a “Paper Angel”.

FOOD DRIVE FOR “EVERY MEAL” (a non-profit fighting child hunger) continues through September 29. See the display in the narthex for food donation ideas.

WINTER COAT DRIVE HAS BEGUN – 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 – The third in the series is **September 12**, “Getting Through the Holidays After a Loved One Has Died” with Mary Marcoux, Grief Counselor & Bereavement Professional. Brochures are available in the narthex.