

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



September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost



CROSSROADS PARISH



**Proud to be a Reconciling
In Christ Community**

Three Churches, One Big Community In Faith. All Are Welcome

Atonement Lutheran Church

1980 Silver Lake Road NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-2240
AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

Pastor Cassie Nault
Pastora Ana Becerra
Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual
Dani Gow – Youth Group

Intern Pastor Brad Mills
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator
Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual
Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

	9:30am Worship at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Steve Klaers	
LECTOR	Marilyn Nelson	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Bonnie Anderson	
GREETER	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth	
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	COG: TBD	ALC: Sally Kline, 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

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

Welcome! We are so glad you joined us today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or a regular member, our prayer is that you feel God's love and find peace during our time of worship.

TRINITY CHIMES - *The singing bowl rings out 3 times to remind us we are gathered in the name of the Triune God.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness

in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Earth and All Stars!" vv. 1-5

ELW 731

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" vv. 1-3

ELW 678

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

“This Little Light of Mine” v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Intern Pastor Brad Mills

As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.

“This Little Light of Mine” v.2

READING: EXODUS 12:1-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

page 151 ELW

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Intern Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In All Our Grief” vv. 1-4

ELW 615

WE ARE NOT ALONE

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of “We Are Not Alone”, a creed from the Church of Canada.

**All: 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

L: Lord, we lift our prayers to you...

All: Sung response: "Hear Our Prayer"

ELW 178

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 GOD'S 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.

*You are invited to shake hands, make a peace sign or greet each other in whatever way you're comfortable.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Bind Us Together" vv. 1-2

WOV 748

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" vv. 1-3 ELW 543

DISMISSAL

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	Labor Day – Church Buildings Closed
Tuesday	4pm – Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:30 – Councils meet at Atonement
Thursday	10am – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>10:45 – Worship at Atonement</u>

Coffee & Fellowship Time - In order to give everyone the opportunity to brew coffee and bring treats for our fellowship time after worship, there is a sign-up sheet for this practice. This way people can bring treats as much or as little as their schedules allow and more people can get involved in sharing in this

community time. If no one signs up for a particular week, we won't have coffee and/or treats that day, but we can still gather for fellowship. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall at both churches.

Faith Formation - We are planning for Fall Faith Formation for the children of the congregation. If your child plans to participate in Sunday School, Youth Group, or Confirmation, please contact Pastor Cassie.

Labor Day - The church buildings will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

Bishop's Installation—September 13

On Sunday, September 13th at Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley. As we plan for printing and the reception, an RSVP for the service is also helpful: <https://spas-elca.org/bishop-installation/>

Add your voice! A synod choir will assist in musical leadership for the Bishop Installation worship service on Sunday, September 13. The choir will rehearse from 12:00-1:00 PM in the choir room at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. RSVP is not essential but helpful. Please contact Sister Stacie Lightner at music@stpaulref.org and let her know your preferred voice part.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Bring you school backpacks, work bags or purses to worship on Sunday, September 13 for a blessing.

Gods work. Our hands. is an ELCA service day next Sunday, September 13. Eric Gustafson, Community Care & Food Truck Lead, from Shobi's Table will be with us. Shobi's Table is a pay-as-can food truck ministry.

Construction Project – How Can You Help? - Now that we have voted to move forward with the kitchen & daycare project, we need hands, coordination and food to get the work done. Please complete the volunteer sheet and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate. We will eventually have a schedule when helpers will be needed. Help whenever you can!

Annual Holidale Boutique - Saturday, November 7, 2026 - Thank you to the individuals that have volunteered to help us lead a successful event. If there is a specific area you would like to coordinate, please let Cheryl Lunde or Carol Hoiby know. More details and volunteer opportunities to come as workshops are scheduled and the event gets closer. Thank you!

Fall Men's and Women's Retreats are available at **Camp Onamia**.

- Women's Refresh Retreat September 25th-27th
- Men's Weekend Away October 23rd-25th

If you'd like to see details or sign up, go to: <https://www.camponomia.org/adult-retreats>