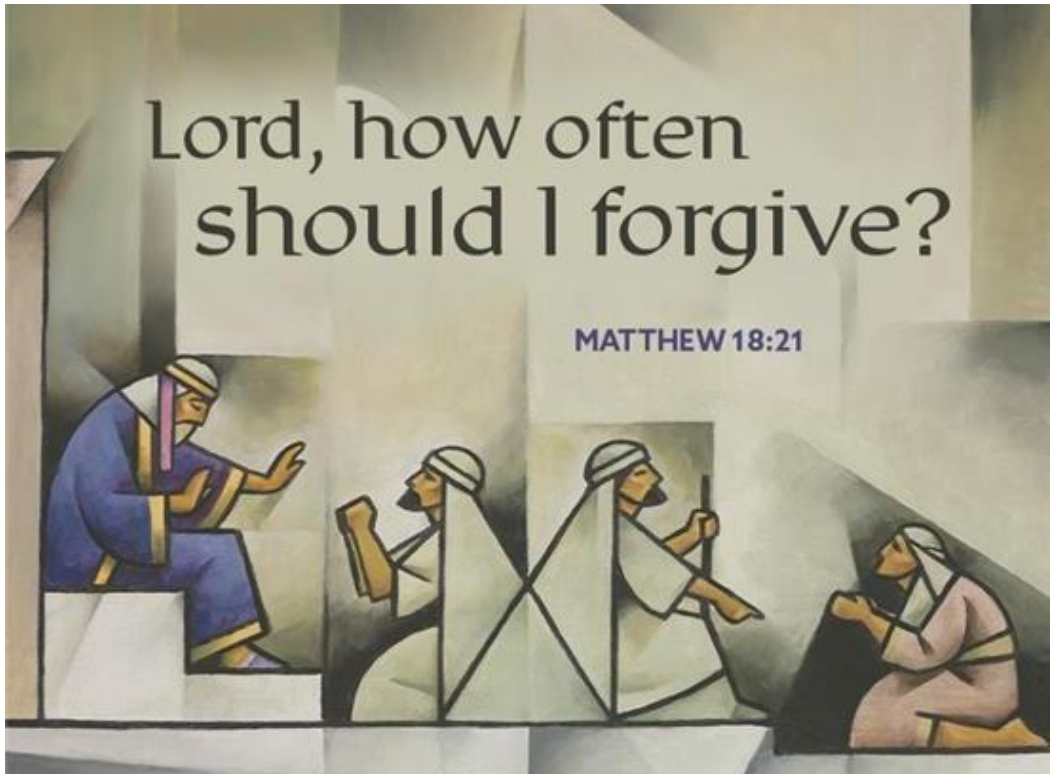


CROSSROADS

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



September 13, 2026
16th 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
763-784-2528
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

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jaime Verkuilen	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Kolleen Olsen	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Paula Reed	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Andrea Weatherly
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Roberta Olson	Andrea Weatherly
COMMUNION SERVERS	Leslie Bjork, Becky Redding	Andrea Weatherly, Scott Carlson
COUNTERS	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	Gwen Blomseth, Tony Houfek

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

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" vv. 1, 2, 6

ELW 835

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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

Pastor Cassie Nault

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

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 2

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 103:1-7, 8-13

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.
Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

page 151 ELW

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Eric Gustafson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Mercy, God of Light” vv. 1-4, *Hymn of the Month*

ELW 714

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostle’s Creed”.

**All: 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.

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

L: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

This is the sign of setting aside divisions among us to prepare to receive the Lord's supper.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: 8:30 - Music on the Steel Drum

Jaime Verkuilen

10:45 – "Lord of All Hopefulness" vv. 1-4

ELW 765

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There is wine which is red in color and white grape juice in the center. There are baskets at the end of each aisle for empty communion cups.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come with Joy" vv. 1-5

ELW 482

"Ten Thousand Reasons" vv. 1-3

ACS 1097

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" vv. 1-3

ELW 674

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	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> 3pm – Bishop’s Installation at Shepherd of the Valley
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory 6pm – Atonement Property Committee 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6pm/6:30 – Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Councils meet at Atonement
Thursday	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 9:30 – Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement <u>6:30pm – Confirmation Orientation</u>

Welcome & thank you to Eric Gustafson, Community Care & Food Truck Lead for Shobi’s Table, for joining us this morning for “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday.

First Communion – We welcome Matthew, Janine & Dean Hagen to the table today as Dean receives his first communion at Cross of Glory.

The Bishop's Installation is this afternoon at Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley at 3:00pm. Our clergy will attend this special celebration.

Ministry and Hospitality Volunteers – We will be hosting volunteer training for anyone interested in helping during worship or fellowship. There are spots for all ages to help. Watch for more information coming soon!

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 will go around during fellowship this morning. (We will teach anyone who doesn't know how to make the coffee.)

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

If your child plans to attend Youth Group or Confirmation, please contact Pastor Brad.

There is a **Confirmation Orientation** at 6:30pm Sunday, September 20 at Bob & Paula Reed's house.

No Sunday school/faith formation today due to it being "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

ABCD Meets Tomorrow at 1:00pm - The **Atonement Book Club** Daytime discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Monday, September 14** (second Monday) at **1:00 pm**. We will discuss ***West With Giraffes*** by Lynda Rutledge. On October 5 we will discuss ***Project Hail Mary*** by Andy Weir. People from Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.

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

- 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>

Mark Your Calendars! Blessing of the Animals is at 6:30pm, Wednesday, September 30 at Atonement.

Growing Through Loss is a series to provide an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The first of six sessions is September 21 and will be held at The Church of St. William in Fridley at 7:00pm. Each session is complete in itself. Find a brochure in the narthex for more details.

Annual Holidale Boutique – Saturday, November 7 – Please contact Cheryl Lunde or Carol Hoiby if there is something you would like to help with for the boutique at Atonement. Vendor forms can be found in the narthex. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already!

The Community Support Center’s Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors is Sunday, September 27 at Silver View Park in Mounds View. Come support our communities’ efforts to keep our neighbors in their homes.

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 in the narthex and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate. We will eventually have a schedule for volunteers to sign up when available to help. Thanks to those who have already returned volunteer forms!

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