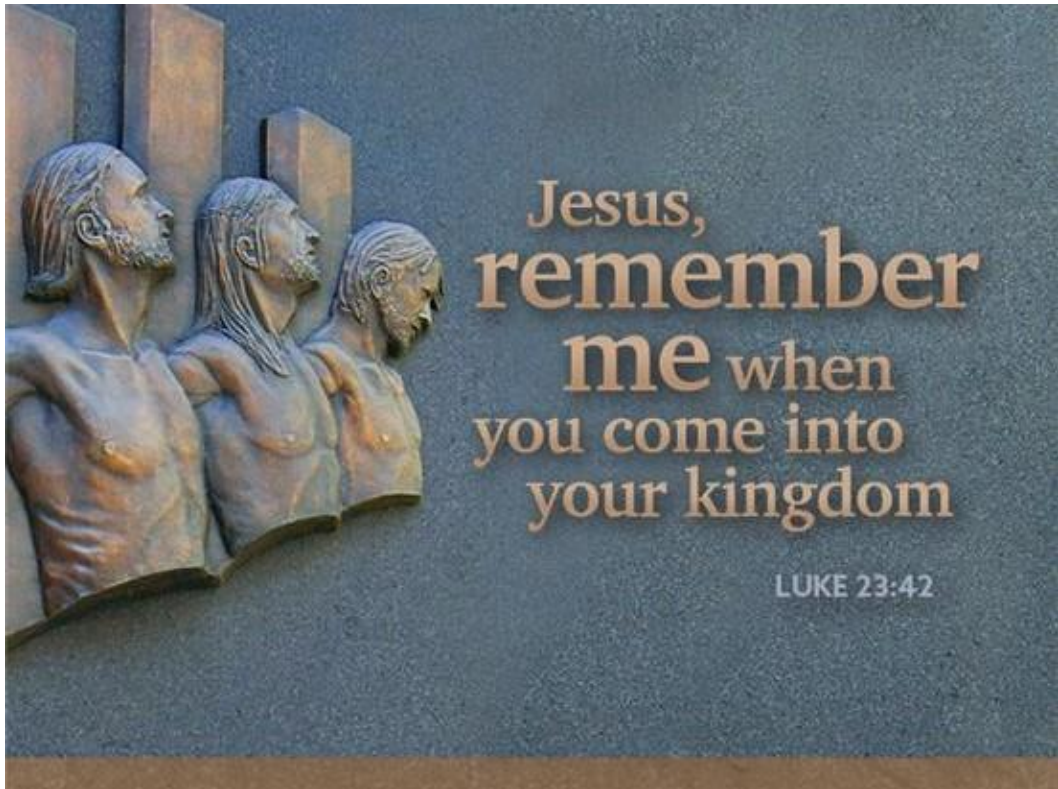


# CROSSROADS

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



November 23, 2025  
Christ the King



# CROSSROADS PARISH



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

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



**ATONEMENT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA  
CRISTO REY**  
Crossroads Parish

## 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

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 – Cross of Glory Accompanist  
Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual  
Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School  
Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

Deacon Brad Mills  
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator  
Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist  
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual  
Dani Gow – Youth Group

	8:30	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Gretchen Davis	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork	Judy Hill
GREETER	Jeanne Boyle	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	Linda Radtke	Andrea Weatherly
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Paula Reed	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Linda Radtke, Jaime Verkuilen	Scott Carlson, TBD
COUNTERS	Bob Reed, Patsy Thorsbakken	Gwen Blomseth, 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

### 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

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God's steadfast love is everlasting and God's faithfulness endures. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

*Silence for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

8:30 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" vv. 1-4

ELW 634

10:45 "Gratitude"

Atonement Choir

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**All: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

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READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.***Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let All Things Now Living” vv. 1-2

ELW 881

*Please stand as you are able.*

WE ARE NOT ALONE

L: And now 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 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: "Shall We Gather at the River" vv. 1-4

*Hymn of the Month* ELW 423

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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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

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Blessing and Honor" vv. 1-4

ELW 854

"Jesus Shall Reign" vv. 1-5

ELW 434

COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

8:30 "Gratitude"

Cross of Glory Choir

10:45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vv. 1-5

ELW 855

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
	3pm – FCC at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
	10:30 – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement
	2pm – Puzzles at Atonement
	2pm – Boutique Recap at Atonement
	6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30 – Pie Social at Atonement
Thursday	Buildings Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Friday	Buildings Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
	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
	Noon – All Choir Rehearsal at Cross of Glory
	<u>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement</u>

**PHOTO TODAY** – Please stay in the sanctuary for a game day group photo.

**KING’S KIDS FUNDRAISER – RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS** - Order the perfect gift and support King’s Kids Preschool at the same time! Purchase gift cards and KKP will receive a percentage of each purchase. In order to receive gift cards by December 15th, order forms must be received by December 1st. Give completed forms to Cheryl Lunde or Dawn Saros-Kirk. Forms are in the narthex of both churches. Remember, King’s Kids is still enrolling new students!

**CROSSROADS GRATEFUL GATHERING PIE SOCIAL** – Join us for pie and fellowship on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30pm at Atonement. There is no worship service. Please bring a pie to share if you are able.

**BOTH CHURCH BUILDINGS CLOSED** Thursday-Friday, November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your holiday weekend!



**THANK YOU TO IVAN KONEV** for 19 years of service with Cross of Glory as the accompanist. We appreciate you!

**ANNUAL ADVENT JUSTICE LECTURE** is coming up on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm at Atonement**. Thomas Page from Clare Housing will join us for the topic "HIV & Homelessness 101" *How does housing radically improve HIV health outcomes? Why is it an essential part of ending the HIV epidemic? Join us for an HIV & Homelessness 101 learning session and find out! This event will help you learn more about Clare Housing's mission.*

**BOUTIQUE RECAP MEETING** tomorrow, November 24, at 2pm at Atonement. We will review disbursement requests and plan for 2026. All are welcome to join the discussion. Forms for disbursement requests are available at the information desk and are due today.

**HOLIDAY PLANTER MAKE AND TAKE** – Join us at 4pm Saturday, December 6 at Cross of Glory to build your own holiday planter. Bring your own pot (with the bottom partially filled with dirt or Styrofoam) or purchase one at the event. Greenery and decorations are provided. Prices will be suggested for your completed planter at the event. Soup and desserts will be served. Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring food. This is a fundraiser for Cross of Glory. Invite your family and friends.

**THE ATONEMENT COUNCIL** is seeking 2-3 members for election at the next annual meeting. If interested, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Andrea Weatherly, Carol Hoiby or Tony Houfek.

**PUZZLE GROUP** – Crossroads has formed a new Puzzle Group! Come connect (get it?) with each other and have fun putting together puzzles. We will meet from 2-4pm at Atonement every Monday. Come whenever you can for however long you want.

**ATONEMENT TREE SETUP** – Mark your calendars to help set up the Christmas tree at 6pm on Sunday, November 30 at Atonement. Pizza served after.

**GATHER TWIN CITIES** is an ELCA ministry for young adults ages 18-35, offering community, fellowship and fun. Here's a heads up on their next two events:

**Bevies With the Bishops** - Dec. 14, 6 p.m. | Norseman Distillery, Minneapolis. This is your chance to ask Bishops Patricia Lull (Saint Paul) and Jen Nagel (Minneapolis) anything...from faith-related to their coffee order. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and food are available for purchase.

Follow Gather Twin Cities on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING WINTER COATS** – The Mounds View Police are collecting gently used or new WINTER WEIGHT coats for their Annual Winter Warm-up Coat Drive. Bring in your donations to benefit the Salvation Army and Harbor Light Center and leave them in the coat area at either church. Thank you!

**SHOBI'S TABLE GRATITUDE FEAST** - Shobi's is hosting a free community meal on Thanksgiving Eve from 4 - 7pm at Christ on Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and we are looking for volunteers to help us prep food towards the beginning of the week and volunteers to help run the event. Go to [ShobisTable.org](http://ShobisTable.org) for more information.

**HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR FUNDRAISER** – Due to lack of Federal funding we are again asking for your help to supply snacks to 11 elementary schools in the Mounds View School District. We so appreciated your help in September and we're hoping you will help again. If you choose to give, we're looking for large boxes or individual bags of Cheezits and pretzels. These can be found at Target, Amazon, Costco and Sams. Please bring your donations by Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your generosity.  
Laurel Nelson & Leslie Pierce



## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**



### **MID-WEEK ADVENT (6:30pm)**

December 3 – Social Justice Lecture at Atonement  
December 10 – Holden Evening Prayer at Cross of Glory  
December 17 – Longest Night Service at Atonement

### **SUNDAY ADVENT**

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent  
December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent  
December 14 – Christmas Program at Atonement **(9:30am)**  
December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

### **CHRISTMAS**

December 24– Christmas Candlelight Service at Atonement **(4pm)**  
December 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service at Cross of Glory **(10pm)**  
December 28 – Lessons and Carols at Atonement **(9:30am)**  
January 4, 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas