

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



September 14, 2025
14th 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**
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

	9:30 at Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Vicki Klaers
USHER/ACOLYTE	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Steve & Vicki Klaers
COUNTERS	ALC: Bruce Jahnke, Royce King COG: TBD

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

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

All: So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living water flow.

All: But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.

We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

All: But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.

For all the times we turn away from your Water,
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,

All: Forgive us we pray.

Silence for reflection.

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life. Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live an abundant life.

All: Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy" – ELW 413

Rachel Kurtz

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: JOHN 7: 38-44

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

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 15:1-10

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Pastor Cassie Nault & Rachel Kurtz

HYMN OF THE DAY “Crossroads”

Written & Performed by Rachel Kurtz

As a part of Pastor Cassie’s sabbatical, Rachel Kurtz was commissioned to write and perform an original song dedicated to Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey’s partnership as Crossroads.

INSTALLATION OF MAANI GRACE

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: God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

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: "Take My Life, That I May Be/Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad" vv. 1-4 ELW 583

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Down to the River to Pray"

Rachel Kurtz

"Special Music"

Rachel Kurtz

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Make a Difference”

Rachel Kurtz

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
“God’s work. Our hands.”

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	Welcome Home Celebration 9:30 – Worship at Atonement with Cristo Rey – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:30 – Fellowship & Celebration
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kutups at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	Church Offices Closed 6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Thursday	10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm - Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory 6:30 – BINGO at Atonement
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>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

WELCOME BACK PASTOR CASSIE! - We are celebrating Pastor Cassie's return today! Thank you to Rachel Kurtz for joining us and writing a song for Crossroads. *Stop in fellowship hall after service for a delicious meal prepared by Cristo Rey.* Thank you to Cristo Rey! And many thanks to Deacon Brad and all of the guest pastors/speakers who joined us this summer!

INSTALLATION OF MAANI GRACE – This morning we officially welcome and install Maani as our Crossroads Parish Music Coordinator. We are excited to have you with us!

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” Thank you to everyone who have already brought in towels and/or kitchen utensils. **We’ve decided to extend our collection date through September 28,** so you still have time to bring in items for Bridging.

PRAYER MINISTERS are available after worship today for those needing additional prayers.

THE CHURCH OFFICES will be closed Tuesday, September 16.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF OUR EXTENDED SUMMER SERVICES TOGETHER. We return to our regular worship schedule next Sunday, September 21; 8:30 at Cross of Glory, 10:45 at Atonement.

BINGO! Atonement is hosting a fun evening of Family BINGO Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Cards are only \$1 each per game and concessions will be available for sale. **Helpers are needed!** See Tony or Carreen Houfek or Carol Hoiby if you can help.

HELP A NEIGHBOR – Thank you to everyone who brought in snack size pretzels or Cheez-Its, to help support students in the Mounds View School District!

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School begins September 21. Please complete a registration form and submit it to Marilyn Goldsworthy maylon1@juno.com or to either church office. Forms are in the narthex.

KING’S KIDS PRESCHOOL IS STILL ACCEPTING FALL REGISTRATIONS! For details and a registration form, please contact preschool@atonementlutheran-nb.org or call 651-633-2240, ext. 15.

CAMP WAPO OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th - All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend. We will depart at 5:30pm on 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!

Carpooling to get there! \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).

2025 HOLIDALE BOUTIQUE - Conversations have started. We are gearing up for a Holidale Boutique on Saturday, November 1st. Please keep an eye on the announcements for dates and times for meetings to discuss what it will look like.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE CAHOWS - Virginia is home and slowly on the upswing. She and Doug are open to receiving meals (comfort food like soups and casseroles of any kind). Please contact Cheryl Lunde if you are interested in signing up.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS is a series providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session is complete in itself and will be held at St. Philips Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 6:45 to 9pm. The first in the series is September 18, "Peace in Pieces" with Dr. Nora Flom, Educator. Pamphlets are in the narthex.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN? A challenging question, indeed. Luther Seminary is hosting from August – November 16 the exhibit, "Exploring Human Origins," at their site on 1490 Fulham Street in St. Paul. It includes exhibits on science, religious beliefs, caring for creation, and the value of humans. There are hands-on displays and videos about human evolution. Parking lots are available. It is free and open to the public Monday-Thursday 12-6 PM ; and Friday 12-8 PM. For further information, access luthersem.edu/origins.

CHANGING LIVES - Lutheran Social Service is actively involved in helping MN residents, whether it means providing housing, healthcare, meals, or emotional support. Facilities in Minneapolis, Duluth, and St. Paul provide these services to adults and youth at sites named "Centers for Changing Lives." In order to make these services more broadly available, there is a fundraiser on Saturday, Sept 20 at The Depot. For more information, contact 651-432-4731 or lssmn.org/celebrate.

THE ATONEMENT FOOD SHELF BOX WAS OVERFLOWING! On September 9, the Atonement Hunger Group delivered 11 large bags of food from our wooden donation box (which was overflowing!) to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf at 2544 Mounds View Blvd. The bags weighed 145 pounds. We thank the many members and guests of Atonement and Cristo Rey for their generosity! Hungry bellies will be full. If you know of anyone who needs food, please ask them to contact Ralph Reeder at 651-621-6280 and make an appointment. The current members of the Hunger Group are Paul and Bonnie Anderson. We welcome anyone who wants to join!

PASTOR TIM THOMPSON'S RETIREMENT – For those Atonement folks who knew Pastor Tim Thompson; he is retiring and his last worship service at St. Stephen's will be September 28, 2025 at 9:30am. Their worship services are both in person and live streamed. The live stream feed or archived files after the

service can be located on their website <https://www.ststephenswsp.org/>. All are welcome to be a part of celebrating Pastor Tim's retirement and invited to attend the service and/or the luncheon that will follow the service, beginning at 11am in our fellowship hall. Please feel free to send any well wishes to Pastor Tim to the church at this address: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton St, West St Paul, MN 55118.

