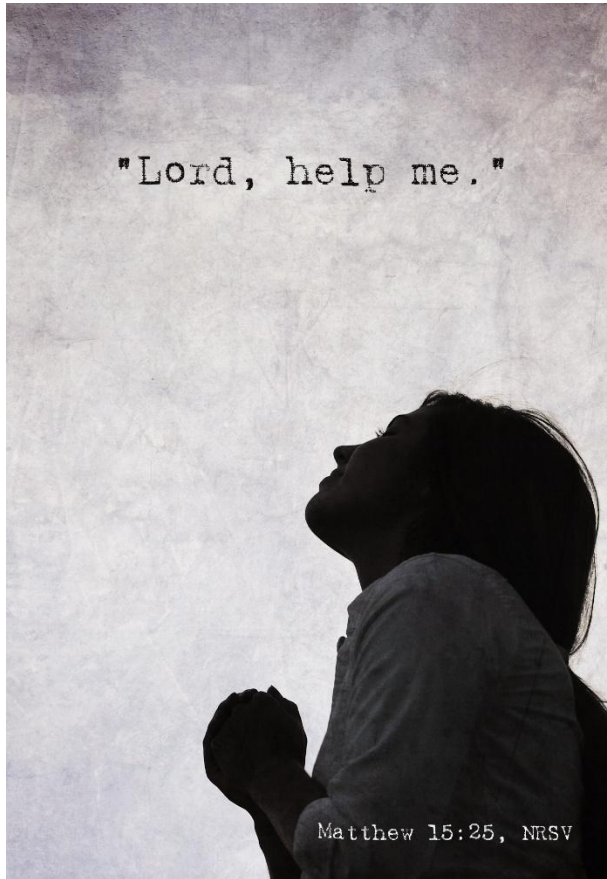


CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



August 16, 2026
12th 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 at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly	
LECTOR	Bruce Jahnke	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Carol Hoiby	
GREETER	Carol Hoiby	
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	COG: Gretchen Davis, Allan Alt	ALC: 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

(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 & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God in a brief moment of silence.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome" vv. 1-5

ELW 641

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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, 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

READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 (Read responsively)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**All: ²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: ⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a

pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” vv. 1-4

ELW 712

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostles’ 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, 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: “Nocturne in Eb Major” Chopin piano

Ethan Lunde

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign” vv. 1-5

ELW 434

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement 3pm – FCC at Atonement LL
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	1:00/2:00 – Visitation & Memorial Service at Cross of Glory 3pm – Charitable Giving meeting offsite 5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:30 – Cross of Glory Congregational Vote at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

Cross of Glory Congregational Vote is next Sunday, August 23 immediately following 9:30am worship at Atonement.

Bilingual BINGO Night! – Join us at Atonement, Thursday, August 27 at 6:30pm for a fun night of bilingual BINGO with Cristo Rey. This is a kid-friendly outreach event.

Worship in the Park and Potluck is Sunday, **August 30** at Silver View Park in Mounds View at 9:30am. Bring a dish to share if you are able and your own beverage and chair. There is a shelter with some picnic table seating.

My Church App from Ministry Brands/Amplify – Recently an email was sent to everyone with information on how to download our new church app. You can access our church directory and make changes and upload your own photo, submit questions or prayer requests, view our online calendar, see past worship services and more! Let the office know if you have any questions or need help with it.

2026 Holidale Boutique and Vendor Fair - Carol Hoiby and Cheryl Lunde are looking for additional volunteers to help coordinate various parts of the boutique to make it a successful event. Ideas, workshops, etc. Please connect with either of them ASAP. Cheryl will need to reach out to vendors very soon in order to make Saturday, November 7th happen.

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, **September 27** is the annual Community Support Center's Walk at Mile for Our Neighbors. Watch for more information.

Basketball Hoop Available – If anyone would like to take the moveable basketball hoop at Cross of Glory, please let the office know and you are free to take it. It just needs a net and would be great for anyone needing a hoop!

Panhandlers Steel Drum Band – Jaime Verkuilen is part of the steel drum band and is inviting everyone to come and hear one of their remaining performances. Please see Jaime with any questions.

August 19, 6pm, Victoria Concert in the Park

August 20, 7pm, Como Dockside performance