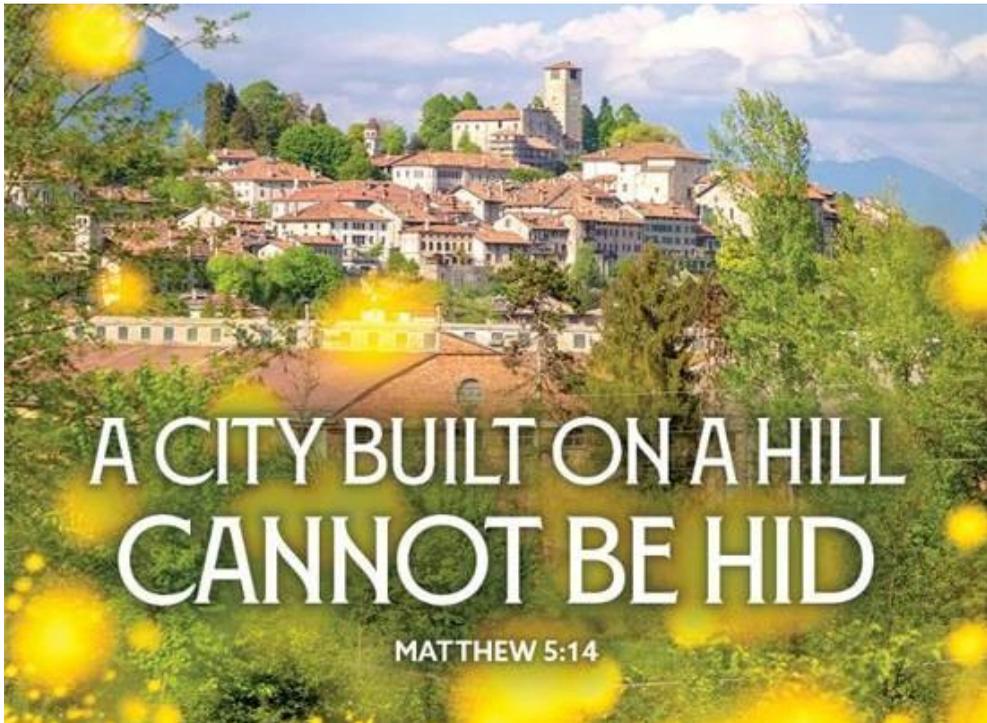


CROSSROADS

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



February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**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	Jaime Verkuilen	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Sue Pulvermacher-Alt	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Paula Reed	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	Shelly Markham	Lynn Miller
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Roberta Olson	Andrea Weatherly/Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Leslie Bjork, Becky Redding	Scott Carlson, Carreen Houfek
COUNTERS	Allan Alt, Patsy Thorsbakken	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)

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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: you call us to life in community,

but we have served our own interests

at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,

but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,

that we may do justice, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In" vv. 1-4

ELW 532

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: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: ISAIAH 58:1-12

¹Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

[^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly

God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light" vv. 1-5

ELW 715

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 INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

REMINDER OF GOD’S PEACE – *During cold & flu season, we refrain from sharing a sign of peace.*

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

L: Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)” - *Hymn of the Month*

ACS 1097

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

8:30 “This Little Light of Mine” vv. 1-3

ELW 677

“Lord of Light” vv. 1-4

ELW 688

10:45 “Amazing Grace”

Debora Holmes

“This Little Light of Mine” vv. 1-3

ELW 677

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“We Are Marching in the Light/Siyahamba”

ELW 866

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Tuesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:30 – Councils Meet at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30 – ALC Choir Rehearsal at Atonement
Thursday	10am – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
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 at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Visitation Meeting at Cross of Glory 10am - FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement 11:30 – Visitation Meeting at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement</u>

VISITATION TEAM MEETINGS - Would you like to join our combined church team that visits with members, brings communion, and checks in on folks who might not be able to attend regularly? It can be as simple as 15 minutes a month in-person or phone calls! Sign up and join us for our first lay visitation team meeting and training session which will be held **February 15 at Cross of Glory at 9:30am in the fellowship hall and at Atonement at 11:30am** in the fellowship hall (same meeting/only need to attend one). If you can't make it to either meeting, please sign up on the paper copy at church or let the church office know you would like to be included in this team and Deacon Brad will contact you with more information.

ATONEMENT'S SOUP SUPPER sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Please sign up if you can help.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER today at Atonement in celebration of the big game! Freshly popped popcorn will be available. Donations accepted for the general fund.

CAMP WAPO – Guaranteed registration for our chosen dates closes February 15. Our dates this summer are: Wapo Youth August 2-7; Ox Roots August 2-7; Wapo Seeds August 7-9. Register through our specific link: <https://lwlbc.com/crossroads55112>

RENEW: WAPO WOMEN'S RETREAT - This retreat is designed to offer space to renew your spirit. Maybe that means some shopping at the many Amery area boutiques and antique stores, relaxing with a good book, hiking or snowshoeing (bring your own) the beautiful trails at Ox Lake, or enjoying a challenging jigsaw puzzle. All of this is in addition to time spent in bible study and other sessions. Your soul will be fed and renewed during the Wapo Women's Retreat **Friday, February 27 at 7pm to Sunday, March 1 at 1pm.** Cost is \$200 with \$50 non-refundable fee at registration. Must be 18+ years old. Sign up in the narthex so we know who's attending. Register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/renew-wapo-womens-retreat/>

ROOTED & RESTORED: WAPO MEN'S RETREAT - Mark your calendars for the Wapo Men's Retreat which is led by a talented Bible Study and Worship leader along with our retreat staff. Come for a fun weekend to recharge. There will be lots of time for fun and games as well as time for some serious relaxing. **Friday, May 1 at 5pm to Sunday, May 3 at noon** for ages 18+. Cost is \$200. (Register by April 1st to get 10% off). Register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/recharge-wapo-mens-retreat/>
Sign up in the narthex so we know who's attending.

QUINCY HOUSE - Quincy House is a home in Mounds View (8025 Red Oak Drive) where there are after school activities (basketball, volleyball, outdoor play, etc.) and opportunities for conversation and guidance. Youth receive personalized attention. A fundraiser for Quincy House will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 6:30-9:30 PM at The Mermaid (2200 Mounds View Blvd). If you would like to attend, contact Director Darnell Baker at Operations@quincyhouse.org. Tickets are \$75/person. ~ The Charitable Giving Team

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

If you'd like a Lenten Devotional booklet, they are \$2 each, to cover the cost of printing, and will be printed as needed. Please sign up if you would like to receive one and it will be delivered to your church mailbox. Just drop \$2 in the offering basket any time.



“Our Lenten series, *Tell Me Something Good*, is from *A Sanctified Art*. The logo and visuals for this theme are supposed to feel earthy, like roots firmly planted in rich soil. We imagined the ways Jesus’ teachings can ground and root us in the good news, but also push us to grow and expand like branches reaching to the sky. As we discussed the scriptures in the series more and more, we realized that at the core of Jesus’ teachings are not esoteric ideas, but people. Time and again, Jesus refocuses our attention on people—often those who are harmed, judged, oppressed, or hungry. And so, in the tree icon, the branches are also abstract people with arms outstretched. Their interwoven connection produces good fruit. The roots of the tree icon frame the typography above and below, which is meant to resemble a book or the Bible. In the typography, the word “good” is emphasized with circular letter shapes; the two “O’s” form the symbol for infinity. When we are grounded in the good news, the goodness of God can infinitely flourish and grow.” Branding & Design by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper 5:30; Worship 6:30

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18 - Atonement

MID-WEEK SERVICES

February 25, March 4 – Atonement

March 11, 18, 25 – Cross of Glory