

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



June 29, 2025
Third 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

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Mounds View, MN 55112
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

Pastora Ana Becerra
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Servicio en Español al mediodía

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault (on sabbatical)

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Marilyn Goldsworthy/Jaime Verkuilen - 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 Cross of Glory
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jaime Verkuilen
LECTOR	Shari Waddell
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson
GREETER	Annette Steichen
BREAD BAKER	Roberta Olson
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Linda Radtke
COMMUNION SERVERS	Linda Radtke, Leslie Bjork
COUNTERS	COG: Patsy Thorsbakken, TBD ALC: Tony Houfek, Sally Kline

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

Pastor Cassie is away on her sabbatical and we continue to keep her in our prayers. A reminder that while she is gone, we can reach out to Pastor Ana Becerra, Deacon Brad, or contact the church office with any questions.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (Please read responsively)

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All: ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**All: ⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**All: ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**All: ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**All: ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Thy Word” – Grant, Smith

Chorus, Verse 1

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastora Jacqueline Belzer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision” vv. 1-4

ELW 793

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: hear 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: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (3X) *Hymn of the month*

ELW 752

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“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

“In the Garden” - Miles

“It Is Well” - DiMarco

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” vv. 1-3

ELW 574

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	5:30 – 7pm - Jumbo Sale Collection
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory
Friday	Church Offices & Buildings Closed – Happy Independence Day! 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 Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

WELCOME & THANK YOU to Pastora Jacqueline Belzer for preaching today!

BOTH CHURCH OFFICES will be closed this Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Have a great holiday weekend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Sunday School program needs your help. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Marilyn Goldsworthy, Deacon Brad, or Dawn Saros-Kirk.

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE TWINS - If you have a passion for baseball and would like to coordinate a group to attend Lutheran Night with the Twins, Thursday, August 14 at 6:40pm, let Deacon Brad or Dawn Saros-Kirk know and we'll get you the contact info. Bishop Lull from the SPAS and the Bishop from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be throwing out the first pitch. There is also an opportunity for anyone who wants to help sing the National Anthem.

SAVE THE DATE! – The Walk a Mile for Your Neighbor fundraiser for the Community Support Center is Sunday, July 27 from 9am – 1pm at Silver View Park in Mounds View. Walking is FREE! Come and choose your distance, a short 0.2 mile or one mile or more if you want to. Walk with church friends, your family, or your dog! It's a beautiful walk around the pond.

JUMBO SALE COLLECTION days are Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7pm. Mark your calendars for the dates of the Jumbo Sale: August 7, 9am – 7pm ; August 8, 9am – 5pm; August 9, 9am – Noon (Bag Sale!).