

CROSSROADS

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



December 24, 2025
Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve
4:00 Service at Atonement Lutheran Church



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
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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

	4:00pm Christmas Eve at Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Vicki Klaers
USHER/ACOLYTE	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	Andrea Weatherly/Laurel Nelson
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Becky Redding/Carol Hoiby
COUNTERS	Royce King, 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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vv. 1-4

ELW 283

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who feel the ache of loneliness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior!

Come, let us worship God who came to dwell among us!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

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.

KYRIE

“What Child Is This” vv. 1-3

ELW 296

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 (*Please read responsively.*)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

READING: TITUS 2:11-14

¹¹ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Angels We Have Heard on High" v. 1

ELW 289

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-14 [15-20]

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So

they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.]

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The First Noel” vv. 1-5

ELW 300

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the “Nicene Creed”.

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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: "Born a Mighty King"

Crossroads Choir accompanied by Ivan Konev

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vv. 2-3

ELW 270

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

The ushers will direct you when to come forward to receive communion. There are gluten-free wafers available by request. Lighter colored grape juice is available at the center of the tray. After receiving communion, please place your empty glass communion cup in the basket at the end of either first row.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Wachet Auf"

Gretchen Davis, Emily Davis, Maani Ekka

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vv. 1-4

ELW 282

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

As the choir begins to sing, we light our candles in preparation for singing “Silent Night” together as the lights get dim. As you light your candle, tip the unlit candle toward the upright lit candle. The candlelight reminds us of the spreading of Christ’s light.

“Night of Silence/Silent Night” - Crossroads Choir accompanied by Tristan Holmes, Emily Davis, Debora Holmes; “Silent Night” vv. 1-3, ELW 281

BENEDICTION

*Extinguish candles – do not tip them until the wax has cooled.
Place them in the box in the back of the sanctuary as you exit.*

SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World” vv. 1-4

ELW 267

DISMISSAL

L: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to God’s people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

All: Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU for joining us. We wish you a very merry Christmas.

BULLETIN COVER ARTWORK – Thank you to our Sunday School children who drew our cover artwork.

BUILDINGS CLOSED December 25-26 for Christmas.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 28 – Lessons and Carols at Atonement **(9:30am)**

January 4, 2026 – Epiphany **(8:30 at Cross of Glory & 10:45 at Atonement)**