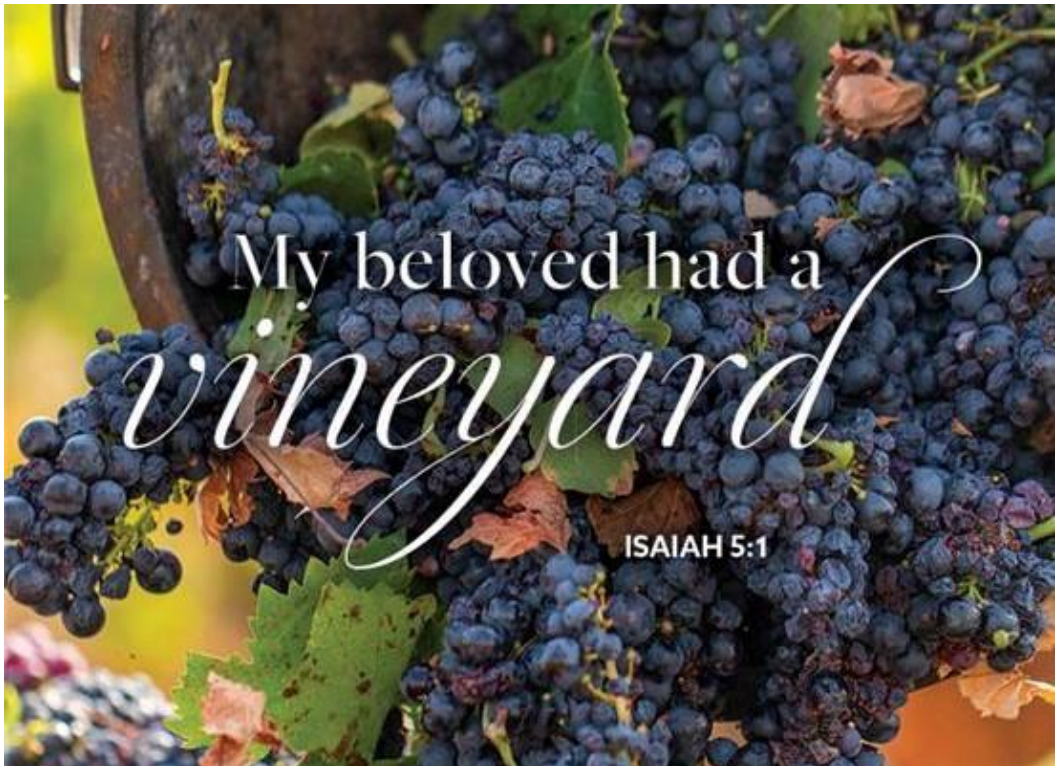


# CROSSROADS

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



October 4, 2026  
19<sup>th</sup> 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  
763-784-2528  
CrossofGloryMV.org  
Worship at 8:30am

### Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

Pastora Ana Becerra  
1980 Silver Lake Rd NW  
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Servicio en Español al mediodía



**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

|                              | <b>8:30 Cross of Glory</b>    | <b>10:45 Atonement</b>     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Worship Assistant (WA)       | NA                            | NA                         |
| Lector                       | Shari Waddell                 | Wayne Haselhorst           |
| Usher                        | Melanie Thomalla/Linda Radtke | Carreen Houfek             |
| Acolyte                      | Iva Mills                     | Carreen Houfek             |
| Greeter                      |                               | Gwen & Kevin Blomseth      |
| Bread Baker                  | NA                            | NA                         |
| Communion Setup/Cleanup      | NA                            | NA                         |
| Communion Servers            | NA                            | NA                         |
| Counters                     | Allan Alt, Gretchen Davis     | Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline |
| Coffee Setup/Cleanup         |                               | Wayne Haselhorst           |
| Treats/Kitchen Setup/Cleanup | Lola                          |                            |

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 are a regular in worship, our prayer is that you feel God's love and find peace during our time together.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

**All: Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**All: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness**

**in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,**

**following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

"My Lord of Light" vv. 1-4

ELW 832

### 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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children, please come forward.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/(8:30) BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

Intern Pastor Brad Mills

*As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.*

"This Little Light of Mine" v.2

READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 80:7-15

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**All: <sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

**All: <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

**All: <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**All:** <sup>14</sup> **Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup> behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.  
Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-46

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

<sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Firm a Foundation” vv. 1-4

ELW 796

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Please stand as you are able as 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 THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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...**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

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: 8:30 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" vv. 1-3  
10:45 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW 694  
Atonement Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” (2X)

ELW 538

## DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION

Please take a symbolic piece of the “mortgage” on your way out of the sanctuary and take it to the fire outside.

## Announcements

### This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Today     | 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory<br>9:30 – Youth Group at Cross of Glory in the multi-purpose room<br>9:30 – Cross Generational Sunday School at Cross of Glory in the choir room<br>9:30 – Cross of Glory Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary<br>10am – FCC at Atonement LL<br>10:45 – Worship at Atonement<br>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement<br>6:30pm - Confirmation |
| Monday    | 8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement<br>1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement<br>1pm – ABCD at Atonement<br>2pm – Puzzles at Atonement in the fellowship hall<br>6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement<br>6:30 – Visitation Team Meeting at Cross of Glory                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday   | 6pm – Scouts at Cross of Glory<br>6pm – Zumba at Atonement LL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday | 10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory in the fellowship hall<br>6:00 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal in the choir room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday  | 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory in the fellowship hall<br>10am – Mary Circle at Atonement in the library<br>1pm – Game Day at Atonement<br>3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday    | 5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Saturday  | 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement<br>9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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**Burn the Mortgage!** Today we celebrate that both churches have paid off their first mortgages by burning the mortgage! Please take a symbolic piece of the “mortgage” as you leave the sanctuary and take it to the fire to burn.

**Confirmation** meets tonight at 6:30pm at Jon & Marie Thomalla’s home.

**ABCD Meets Tomorrow at 1:00pm** - The Atonement Book Club Daytime discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Monday, October 5 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss ***Project Hail Mary*** by Andy Weir. On November 2 we will discuss ***The Little Liar*** by Mitch Albom. People from Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.

**Trunk or Treat** – Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat October 22 at Cross of Glory. We are currently accepting candy donations or monetary donations to purchase groceries for the community meal. Look for the cauldron outside of each office to donate candy. You can drop monetary donations in the offering marked “Trunk or Treat”. Thank you!

**The Holiday Boutique at Atonement** is Saturday, November 7. Please share our vendor application with any of your crafty friends and family. Applications are in the narthex at both churches. Flyers and signup sheets will be out soon. Workshop dates have been scheduled. All are welcome to help:

Saturday, October 31 – Lefse Workshop

Thursday, November 5 - Wild Rice Workshop

Friday, November 6 – Caramel Roll Workshop

TBD - Apple Pie Workshop

**Share the Joy of Baking this Holiday Season** – Join us in spreading warmth and joy this holiday season by creating Holiday Baking Bags for Ralph Reeder to distribute to families. Suggested items include: flour, white sugar, brown sugar, oil, chocolate chips, vanilla, baking powder and baking soda. Add a personal touch by including your favorite cookie recipe or add sprinkles, cookie cutters, measuring cups, etc. You can donate a complete Holiday Baking Bag or individual items.

**Growing Through Loss** – This series provides an opportunity to obtain information and support on a variety of loss and grief issues. This week’s session is October 5, “The Mystery of Grief and Stress”, with Stacy Eichman-Cardwell. Each session is held at The Church of St. William in Fridley at 7pm. Brochures can be found in the narthex at both churches.

## Hospitality and Ministry Assistants

Listed below is a brief overview of hospitality and worship assistant roles. If you are interested, we will provide training. Please see Dawn with any questions.

***Worship Assistant:*** Read the Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer, Sharing of the Peace, and the Dismissal. All readings are provided for you. Will also assist with serving communion on communion Sundays.

***Lector:*** Reads the bible lessons of the day. (At Atonement, will assist with serving communion.)

***Usher:*** Greet and hand out bulletins and seat people if needed. Coordinate the offering. Release rows for communion. Prior to service, make sure all the ministry assistants are available and finds a replacement if someone is not at church.

***Acolyte:*** Light the altar candles and Christ Candle(if needed) prior to service beginning. At the end of service, snuff out the candles.

***Greeter:*** Welcome people as they enter church. If someone is new, introduce yourself and help them find a bulletin and a seat.

***Bread Baker:*** Makes the communion bread once a month. Each loaf makes 4 rounds. Recipe is provided for you.

***Communion Setup/Cleanup:*** Sets up the communion trays with wine & juice, bread, gluten-free wafers and Teddy Grahams for kids. Can set it up prior to Sunday morning or early before service begins. After service, clean up the communion trays and put supplies away.

***Communion Servers:*** Assist clergy with serving communion.

***Counters:*** Always need 2 counters. Collect the offering plates and count and record all monies received on a contribution report, prepare bank deposit, drop deposit at bank overnight box. Scan the contribution reports to the treasurer and office administrator.

***Coffee Setup/Cleanup*** – Prior to service, prepare the coffee maker and set up the supplies for coffee (cups, sugar, creamer, etc.). After fellowship, clean the coffee maker and put away the supplies. Assist with loading cups into dishwasher and cleanup if needed.

***Treats & Kitchen Setup/Cleanup:*** Bring treats to share and get them ready for fellowship time. Put out napkins and plates, etc. After fellowship, put away supplies, load the dishwasher, wipe down the counters and tables.

***AV:*** Run the computers for the slides during service. All slides are prepared for you.