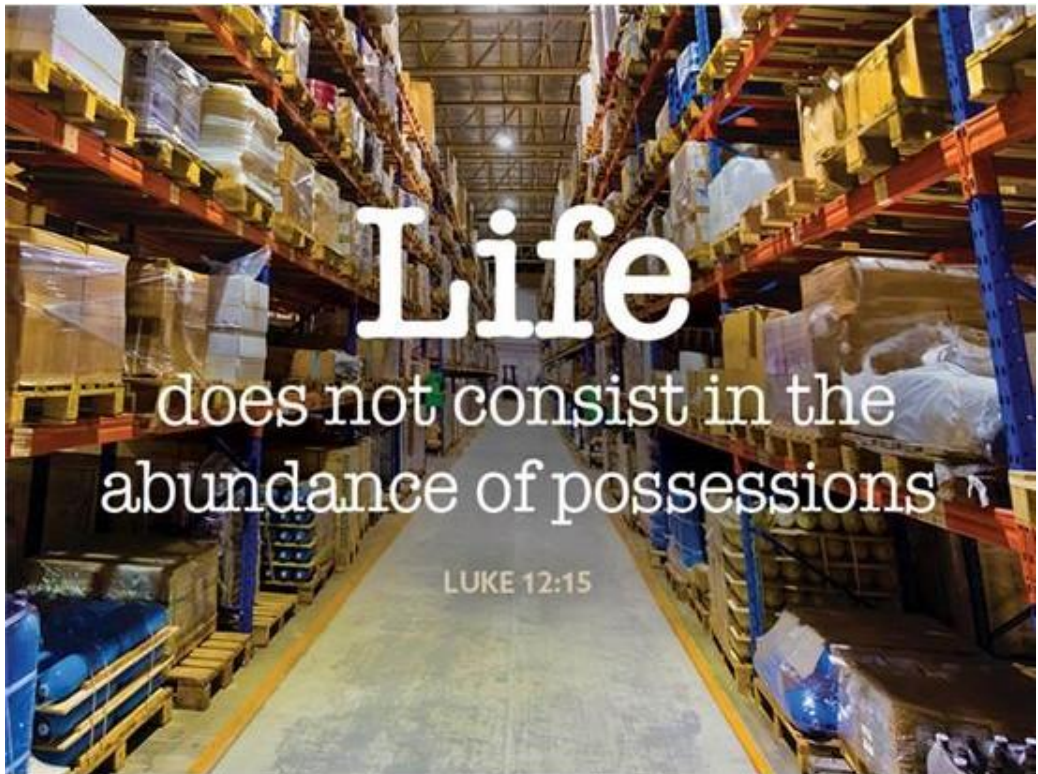


CROSSROADS

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



August 3, 2025
7th 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

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 (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 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Gretchen Davis
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: Bruce Jahnke, 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

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" - Murray

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: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12 (Please read responsively)

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Listen, God Is Calling” Refrain Only, 2X

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Nothing Can Trouble”

ACS 1033

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.

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 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: "Be Unto Your Name" – Sadler, DeShazo

August Hymn of the Month

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.**

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

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" vv. 1-3

ELW 774

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 5:30 – Members Pre-Sale at Cross of Glory 6:30 – S’more Worship at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9am – 7pm – Jumbo Sale at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	9am - 5pm – Jumbo Sale at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Noon – Jumbo Sale at Cross of Glory Noon – Jumbo Sale Cleanup – need helpers! 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

MEMBER PRESALE & S’MORE WORSHIP – Come for the Crossroads’ Members Only **Presale at 5:30pm, this Wednesday, August 5.** Then stay for our last summer **S’more worship at 6:30pm.** Bring a chair and sit outside by the campfire for worship. S’more supplies provided.

2025 SUMMER STRETCH AUGUST 5-8. Summer Stretch is a multi-church day-camp for youth entering 6th to completed 12th grades. **Cost:** 3 ways to stretch your summer: Full 3-day + 1 day @ Nickelodeon Universe on Fri **\$200**; 3-day (NO Nickelodeon Universe); **\$150** -Nickelodeon Universe ONLY **\$50.** There’s still time – register at the door!

SUMMER PARADES! There’s a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you’d like to participate in either or both of our local parades. New Brighton’s Stockyard Days Parade is Saturday, August 9 at 10am. Mounds View’s Festival in the Park Parade is Friday, August 15 at 7pm.

JUMBO SALE THIS WEEK! August 7, 9am – 7pm ; August 8, 9am – 5pm; August 9, 9am – Noon (Bag Sale!).

THANK YOU FROM KING’S KIDS PRESCHOOL – The KKP children and staff would like to thank everyone who supported their lemonade stand fundraiser for TX flood relief. They raised \$504!

SUMMER WATER BLESSINGS – Don’t forget to pick up a vial(s) to fill with water from your adventures this summer. The vials are in a basket in each narthex.

FOUND – A watch – if it’s yours, it’s in the office at Atonement.