

# CROSSROADS

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



May 18, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



## 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/Jaime Verkuilen - Sunday School

Deacon Brad Mills  
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator  
Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist  
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual  
Dani Gow – Youth Group

	<b>9:30</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk
LECTOR	Gretchen Davis
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Radtke
GREETER	Annette Steichen
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	<b>COG:</b> Patsy Thorsbakken, Gretchen Davis; <b>ALC:</b> 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

*Please stand as you are able.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 48) (Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 148)

Praise God from the heavens!

Praise Him from the skies above!

**All: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!**

Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

**All: Praise God, all creatures great and small,**

Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

**All: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,**

Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,

at whose word creation came into being.

**All: We gather to praise and worship our God!**

### OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace" vv. 1-5

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### 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: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Brad Mills

### READING: ACTS 11:1--18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to

me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

The Holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Morning Has Broken" vv. 1-3 – *May Hymn of the Month*

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*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: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

## 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: “We Are Marching”

Cross of Glory Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Cross of Glory Choir

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT & CROSS OF GLORY

Today	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement 4pm – Recital at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	5:30 – Jumbo Sale Planning Meeting at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am - New Birth at Cross of Glory 3pm – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory – Memorial Day weekend 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

**CHURCH BUILDINGS AND OFFICES ARE CLOSED** on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

**ZUMBA** – Join Marilyn Goldsworthy and others for Zumba each Tuesday at 6pm at Atonement.

**JUMBO SALE** planning meeting Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30, Cross of Glory. Everyone welcome!

**2025 GRADUATES** – Please submit your graduates name, where they're graduating from, future plans and your relationship to them to the office by May 25. We will acknowledge them Sunday, June 1.

**PASTORAL CARE DURING CLERGY RENEWAL TIME** - From Thursday, May 22nd-Monday, September 8th, Pastor Cassie will be on sabbatical. During her absence, Pastor Ana Becerra will be covering pastoral care for our parish. Please contact Pastor Ana or Deacon Brad Mills with any pastoral care emergencies. You can also contact the church office with any questions. Dawn Saros-Kirk is happy to help direct you to the person you might need to contact for any church questions.

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE** - From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the church office hours shift to 9am-noon at Atonement and 1pm-4pm at Cross of Glory. This allows Dawn Saros-Kirk, our Office Administrator, to concentrate on special projects to keep our churches running smoothly. Please watch the weekly bulletin for alerts on any church office closures throughout the summer.

**PICK UP OUR FULL SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** in the narthex.