

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



July 19, 2026
8th 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
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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

A Warm Welcome to Any Guests and Visitors

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

	9:30am at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	
LECTOR	Jim Nelson	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Carol Hoiby	
GREETER	Nancy Jahnke	
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	COG: Gretchen Davis, Allan Alt	ALC: Royce King, Bruce Jahnke

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)

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 & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God in a brief moment of silence.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving" vv. 1-4

ELW 689

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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Deacon Brad Mills

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

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 2

READING: WISDOM OF SOLOMON 12:13, 16-19

¹³ For neither is there any god besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly, ¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty

over all causes you to spare all. ¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. ¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not

sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Fruit of All Creation” vv. 1-3

ELW 679

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostles’ Creed”.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

L: Lord in your mercy,

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 GOD'S 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.

*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: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" (2X)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" vv. 1-4

ELW 856

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement 3pm – FCC at Atonement LL
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Bike to DQ from Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons 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
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:30 – Cross of Glory Member Meeting at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

BINGO has been **canceled** for July 23 at Cross of Glory.

Our Faith at the Movies Sermon Series

This special series will explore spiritual themes found in some of this year's movie theater films. Together, we'll discover how stories that entertain us can also help us reflect on God's presence and work in our everyday lives.

- July 19 – Disclosure Day
- July 26 – Toy Story 5

Let's All Go to the DQ!

Date: Monday, July 20th; Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Bring money for a treat

Place: Bike riders leave Cross of Glory at 6:30pm and bike to the **Dairy Queen, 4131 Woodland Rd in Lexington**. If you are driving, plan to meet us at the DQ at 7:00pm.

Upcoming Presentation for Cross of Glory Members

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, July 26**, immediately following the **9:30am worship service** in the Atonement sanctuary. The Cross of Glory Council and the renovation planning team will share an important update on the potential renovation of Cross of Glory's building. Significant progress has been made, and this presentation is an opportunity to learn about the latest developments, ask questions, and hear what is being considered for the future of our church. We encourage all members to attend so you can stay informed and be among the first to hear about the plans being explored.

New Brighton & Mounds View Parades – Registration Deadline

We need to know if anyone is interested in participating in either or both parades before we register by July 25. Please sign up in the narthex if you wish to ride/walk in either parade with us. New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade is **Saturday, August 8 at 10:00am** and Mounds View Festival in the Park Parade is **Friday, August 21 at 6:00pm**. Please see Marilyn Goldsworthy with any questions.

Crossroads Sunday School Teachers Needed for the 2026-2027 School Year

Do you have a heart for Jesus and a gift for welcoming others? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers for the 2026–2027 school year!

Our Sunday School ministry is about so much more than teaching lessons. It is an opportunity to share Christ's love through hospitality, to welcome children into a caring Christian community, and to build meaningful relationships that help nurture faith. You don't need previous teaching experience—we will provide the curriculum and support. What matters most is a willing heart and a desire to help children grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Teachers serve on a rotating schedule and are asked to teach **7 or more Sundays throughout the year**, making this a manageable and rewarding way to serve.

If God is calling you to use your gifts of hospitality, encouragement, and faith to make a difference in the lives of our children, we would love to have you join the team!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Cassie.

Are You Missing a Black Jacket?

Found a black Nike jacket. If it's yours, please let Dawn in office know. It might have been missing for a while and just recently found.